



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Twelfth Sunday

after Trinity

Sunday 7th September 2025



Please pray:

For The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

For the Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes and his PA Marc Sacher.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For clergy from around the Diocese meeting at the Clergy Conference in Canterbury this week.

For neighbours in The Drove.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Jenny Smith, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Richard, Rols Ham-Riche

Recently Departed: Richard Citron

Anniversaries of death: Alice Mary Moor, Bernard Collins

Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Processional Hymn

NEH 433

- 1 O Worship the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.**
- 2 O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.**
- 3 This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.**

**4 O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise**

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitential Rite

The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things
of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 30:15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

1 (Chant: Elgar)

- 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stood in the way of sinners *
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord *
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side *
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- 4 His leaf also shall not wither *
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them *
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face
of the earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement *
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous *
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,* world without
end. Amen.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I
hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.
I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you
perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received
much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the
saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to
do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I,
Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I
am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become
during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is
indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own
heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of
service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but
I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good
deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the
reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him
back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved
brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and
in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome
me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that
to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it.
I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let
me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.
Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do

even more than I say
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your decrees.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

In the intercessions, we make this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.

Offertory Hymn

NEH 439(i)

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;
- 4 And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.
- 5 O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;
- 6 And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

**7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.**

St John Henry Newman (1801-90)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

...forever praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

**Blessed is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We sing the Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

grant us peace.

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Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to

receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Choir

Blessed is the man, Richard Shephard

Communion Hymn

NEH 376

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:’
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

God of all mercy,
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us, which ends:

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn
NEH 431

- 1 O Thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.**
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**
- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.**
- 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley (1701-88)

Organ Voluntary

Postlude on Hanover, Eric Thiman

THIS WEEK

Thursday 11 th	
10.30am	The Eucharist
Sunday 14 th Holy Cross Day	
8.00am 10.15am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist

NOTICES

Today we will be joined by the **Mission Aviation Fellowship**, one of our three charities tis year. After a presentation there will be a collection towards their work.

There will be **no Bible Study** tomorrow due to the Clergy Conference.

On Sunday 14th September, **Good News for Everyone!** (formally Gideons UK) will be telling us about their work.

There will be a brief meeting at 11.45am next Sunday 14th for anyone involved with our new **Tea at the Good Shepherd**.

Amar, our young organist, will be holding an **Organ Recital** on Thursday 18th September at 5pm here in church. Entry is on the door is by donation to church funds. Please do come along and support him if you are able as he prepares for an important audition!

There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for those of you who are able help plan our Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre, or help while they are on.

A reminder that our new series **Sunday Snippets** begins on Sunday 21st September at 11.30am.

Our **Harvest Supper** this year is on Saturday 4th October at 6pm. Tickets are available now and cost £10.

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