



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

# **The Eleventh Sunday**

## **after Trinity**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025



Please pray:

For The Church of South India (United)

For the Archdeacon of Horsham and her PA Iona O'Shea.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Robertson Road.

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

Anniversaries of death: Catriona Scott, Doreen Hyde, Edna Walker

*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**  
*CP 427*

- 1 For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**
- 3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.**
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.**

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

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 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.**

**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, receive our prayer.**

**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. Amen.**

*Mass of St Cedd, Nardone*

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing for the Collect:*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through 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 Ecclesiasticus.

***Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18***

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.  
For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.  
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,  
and destroys them completely.  
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.  
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.  
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,  
and erases the memory of them from the earth.  
Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

*112 (Chant: Hopkins)*

- 1 Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord \*  
he hath great delight in his commandments.
- 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth \*  
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house \*  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness \*  
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
- 5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth \*  
and will guide his words with discretion.
- 6 For he shall never be moved \*  
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings \*  
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.
- 8 His heart is established, and will not shrink \*  
until he see his desire upon his enemies.
- 9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor \*  
and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
- 10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him \*  
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire 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 to the Hebrews.

*Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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!**

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart.

**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 14:1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host

comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

*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 424*

- 1 O Love divine, how sweet thou art!  
When shall I find my longing heart  
All taken up by thee?  
I thirst, I faint and die to prove  
The greatness of redeeming love,  
The love of Christ to me.**
- 2 Stronger his love than death or hell;  
Its riches are unsearchable:  
The first-born sons of light  
Desire in vain its depth to see;  
They cannot reach the mystery,  
The length and breadth and height.**

**3 God only knows the love of God;  
O that it now were shed abroad  
In this poor stony heart!  
For love I sigh, for love I pine;  
This only portion, Lord, be mine,  
Be mine this better part.**

**4 For ever would I take my seat  
With Mary at the Master's feet:  
Be this my happy choice;  
My only care, delight, and bliss,  
My joy, my heaven on earth, be this,  
To hear the Bridegroom's voice.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **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 in the Highest.**

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

*Mass of St Cedd, Nardone*

*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, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Mass of St Cedd, Nardone*

## **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**

*Blest are the pure in heart, Malcolm Archer*

## **Communion Hymn** *NEH 275*

- 1 Blessed Jesu, Mary's son,  
For mankind to earth thou camest,  
But the saving battle won,  
Now at God's right hand thou reignest:  
On thy people pour thy blessing,  
Gathered here, thy name confessing.**
- 2 By this sacramental sign,  
Token of thy bitter passion,  
Through these gifts of bread and wine  
Thine own image in us fashion:  
By this food thy grace doth send us  
From all ills of soul defend us.**
- 3 In this mystery of grace  
Which we celebrate before thee,  
Come, O Saviour, show thy face  
To the sinful who adore thee:  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Grant us here the joys of heaven.**

*G. B. Timms (1910-1997)*

## Post Communion

*We stand as the priest prays:*

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through 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 335*

- 1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluya!**
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
Alleluya!**
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
Alleluya!**
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Alleluya!**
- 5 Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God the Father be by all adored:  
Alleluya!**

*F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Final jubilante, Healey Willan*



## THIS WEEK

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	
10.15am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Cuthbert</i>	
10.30am	The Eucharist
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.00am 10.15am	The Eucharist (BCP) <b>Parish Eucharist</b>

## NOTICES

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September we will be joined by the **Mission Aviation Fellowship**, one of our three charities this year. After a presentation there will be a collection towards their work.

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

Amar, our young organist, will be holding an **Organ Recital** on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

Talking about **Christmas** seems ridiculous at the end of August, but 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.

Our **Harvest Supper** this year is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Further details about tickets in due course.

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