



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 12th July 2026



Please pray:

For The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

For the Communications Team at Church House Hove.

For neighbours in Hill Drive.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Michael Miller, Jess, Carole, Roger Grady, AJ.

Recently departed: David Nissen, David Charles (Priest), Ruth Powell.

For the departed: Alan Brown, Susan Hassan, Peter Coleman, Eric May, David Seymour Gray, Myrtle Groves.

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, including the hymns.

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

Processional Hymn

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- 1 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration;
To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.**
- 2 And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
The first-fruits of thy blessing;
By thee the souls of men are fed
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou who dost give us daily bread,
Give us the bread eternal.**
- 3 We bear the burden of the day,
And often toil seems dreary;
But labour ends with sunset ray,
And rest is for the weary;
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
To garners bright elected.**

4 O blessèd is that land of God,
Where saints abide for ever;
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,
Where flows the crystal river:
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours to-day are blending;
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song
Which never hath an ending.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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.

We remain standing as 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:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for the psalm. The Choir sing the verses, and we are encouraged to join in with the Gloria at the end.

Psalm

Psalm 65 (Chant: Garrett)

- 1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion *
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer *
unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me *
O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee *
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of
thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our
salvation *
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that
remain in the broad sea.

- 6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains *
and is girded about with power.
 - 7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea *
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
 - 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at
thy tokens *
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise
thee.
 - 9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it *
thou makest it very plenteous.
 - 10 The river of God is full of water *
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
 - 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys
thereof *
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
 - 12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness *
and thy clouds drop fatness.
 - 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness *
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
 - 14 The folds shall be full of sheep *
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and
sing.
- 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

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on

account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

If you are able, we remain standing. In the intercessions, we make the response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers we say together:

**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

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- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**
- 2 For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.
- 4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We remain standing. 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:

**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,
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 sit or kneel, and 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.**

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.

Please do not intinct. If you are unwell, please help us to keep those who are immunocompromised safe by refraining from taking the chalice. It is perfectly valid to receive the bread only.

Choir

If ye love me, Tallis

Communion Hymn

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- 1 Word of the Father, source of all things living,
Word once made flesh, our true and only Saviour,
grow in our hearts, O seed of heaven's harvest,
Jesus, Redeemer.**
- 2 Gospel from heaven, living Word incarnate,
open our minds, Lord, teach us your true wisdom;
lamp to our footsteps, scatter all our darkness,
Day-star of glory.**
- 3 Lord of the faithful, guide us on our journey;
pilgrims, we hunger for the life of heaven;
Jesus, our manna, feed us with your goodness,
here and hereafter.**

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
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

Please sit for the notices. After the notices, please stand.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us:

...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

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- 1 For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

- 2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Organ Voluntary

Procession in G, Francis Jackson

THIS WEEK

Monday 13 th	
10.15am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday 14 th	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd
Thursday 16 th <i>St Osmund</i>	
10.30am	The Eucharist
Sunday 19 th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am 10.15am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist

NOTICES

Mthr Alice is away on holiday from tomorrow until Monday 20th. We are now into the school summer holidays, so please bear with her for the next few weeks with reduced time at the desk and emails!

Please note there is no Eucharist at Chatsworth this week.

Sunday Snippets meets at 11.30am this morning. We are continuing our series on the Bible and exploring the **Gospels**. There will be a break next Sunday (19th) and an extra catch up session on Sunday 2nd August.

David Nissen's funeral will be here at The Good Shepherd on Friday 24th July at 2.30pm.

Tickets for **Hymns and Pimms** on Sunday 16th August at 5pm are now on sale, as well as the opportunity to nominate your favourite hymns to sing.

The **Memorial Garden** has become rather neglected, and we would like to form a small group of people who might be willing to give an hour or so a week moving forward to help maintain it. If you would be willing to do this, please let Mthr Alice know.

The Good Shepherd Branch of **The Mother's Union** are putting together a recipe book to mark 150 years of The Mother's Union. If you have recipe you would like to share, please pass them on to Sheena Richardson.

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