



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 6th September 2026



Please pray:

For The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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

For neighbours in Bennett Avenue.

For children, young people and school staff at the start of the academic year.

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

For the departed: 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, including the hymns.

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

Processional Hymn

NEH 390 (t 493)

- 1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.**
- 2 For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.**
- 3 Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.**
- 4 Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.**
- 5 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!**

William Cowper (1731-1800)

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. 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.**

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 God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives 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**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me:

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because

of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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 119 vv 33-40 (Chant: Jones)

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes *
and I shall keep it unto the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law *
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments *
for therein is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies *
and not to covetousness.
- 37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity *
and quicken thou me in thy way.
- 38 O stablish thy word in thy servant *
that I may fear thee.
- 39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of *
for thy judgements are good.
- 40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments *
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

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 13:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. .

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

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 18:15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

NEH 487 (t 447)

- 1 You, living Christ, our eyes behold
Amid your Church appearing,
All girt about your breast with gold
And bright apparel wearing;
Your countenance is burning bright,
A sun resplendent in its might:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.
- 2 Your glorious feet have sought and found
Your sons of every nation;
With everlasting voice you sound
The call of our salvation;
Your eyes of flame still search and scan
The whole outspreading realm of man:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.
- 3 O risen Christ, today alive,
Amid your Church abiding,
Who now your risen body give,
New life and strength providing,
We join in heavenly company
To sing your praise triumphantly,
For we have seen your glory.

Edmund Morgan (1888-1979)

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, 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 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.**

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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.

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

I give to you a new commandment, Peter Nardone

Communion Hymn

**1 This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,
We will rejoice and be glad in it
And be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**2 This is the day,
This is the day when he rose again,
When he rose again,
We will rejoice,
We will rejoice and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
This is the day when he rose again.**

Les Garrett

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

Lord God, the source of truth and love;
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart;
in 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, any children, young people or school staff come to the front.

The Blessing of Backpacks

Creator God, we give you thanks for the new start which September brings. We thank you for schools, colleges and universities, and all who learn, teach and serve in them.

Lord of life and love:

Be with us in our learning and serving

We thank you for places of work, for colleagues and clients, challenges and tasks. We thank you for the opportunity to learn and grow at every stage; for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Lord of life and love:

Be with us in our stumbling and our soaring

We bring before you these bags, which through the year to come will carry the tools of learning and working. We bring to you those days when these bags feel heavy and difficult, and those days when they feel light and easy.

Lord of life and love:

May we be blessed and be a blessing

Lord we ask you to bless these bags, all that they will contain.

Lord of life and love:

**Send us to be you hands feet and hearts in our schools,colleges,
universities and work places.**

Let us pray for all children and young people:

Loving God, be with every child and young person this year. Give your light and knowledge to them, so they may see the order you bring into creation and find joy in the beautiful world you have made. Help them to discover and develop the gifts you have given them. As they grow in knowledge, help them to also grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you, giving you wisdom and understanding in your learning.

Amen.

Let us pray for all teachers, teaching assistants and school staff:

Father, give teachers, teaching assistants and school staff wisdom and insight to meet the needs of those they teach. Strengthen them so they can care individually for each student. Let their faith in You be clearly seen in their words and actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And my Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you, giving you care and joy in your service.

Amen.

Let us pray for all parents, grandparents and all who care for children:

Heavenly Father we ask for your blessing on parents, grandparents and all who care for the young. Strengthen them and give them what they need to surround their children with encouragement, support, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

And may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you, that you will be given wisdom and strength to care for your families with patience and tenderness.

Amen.

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
NEH 475

- 1 Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.
- 2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.
- 3 Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!
- 4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter (1615-91)

Organ Voluntary

THIS WEEK

Monday 7 th September	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 8 th September <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
1.15pm 2pm - 4pm	The Eucharist Tea at The Good Shepherd
Thursday 10 th	
10.30am	The Eucharist
Sunday 13 th The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am 10.15am 11.30am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Sunday Snippets

NOTICES

We are hoping to launch a **Toddler Group** in the next couple of months, so are looking for donations of particular toys to help us get started. You can see a full list of what we're looking for on the poster at the back of church. Alternatively, you can buy us something new! There is an Amazon List below. Items will be delivered directly to the Vicarage.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1FTBTX0WU6PVN?ref_=wl_share



On Saturday 19th September from 2pm-4pm there will be a **Bellringing Open Day**. Please do share with friends and neighbours. Details on the poster at the back.

There is a sheet at the back of church for you to make suggestions of topics to cover in **Sunday Snippets** over the next few months.

We are having a **Clear Out Week** from 21st to 25th September, aided on the Wednesday by students from Brighton College. Please make a note in your diary - we will be asking for volunteers to help with a variety of jobs, some of which will be seated! There is a sign up sheet at the back.

There are a couple more sign up sheets at the back. One for a group to be working on the **Christmas Fayre**, and the other for plans to celebrate the **Centenary** of the completion of our church building.

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