



Bible Sunday

Visitors – welcome to our service today

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.

Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.

To ask a question or to find out more, please speak to a minister or visit our website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/christ-church-manche-normandy>



Holy Eucharist

Entry of the Ministers

T – Darwell

How sure the Scriptures are!
God's vital, urgent word,
as true as steel, and far
more sharp than any sword:
So deep and fine,
at his control
they pierce where soul
and spirit join.

They test each human thought,
refining like a fire;
they measure what we ought
to do and to desire:
For God knows all
exposed it lies
before his eyes
to whom we call.

Let those who hear his voice
confronting them today,
reject the tempting choice
of doubting or delay:
For God speaks still
his word is clear,
so let us hear
and do his will!

Readings: God's Word in the Scriptures

Nehemiah 8, vv1-12

– Rediscovering the Law of the Lord

Psalms 119, vv9 -16

T – Tallis's Canon

How can the young keep their life pure?

By doing what your word demands!

I seek you with my heart and soul;

let me not stray from your commands.

Your word I treasure in my heart

to keep me from offending you.

Praise be to you, O LORD my God;

teach me your statutes firm and true.

Each law proceeding from your mouth

I gladly with my lips have told.

I love to follow your commands,

as others love to count their gold.

I meditate upon your ways

and on your precepts I reflect.

I take delight in your decrees;

your word I never will neglect.

Colossians 3, vv12-17

– Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

Gospel greeting:



All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Heaven and earth will pass away:

Christ's words will stand for ever.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (24,vv30-35)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Christ's words will stand for ever!

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Preparing of the gifts

T – Blaenwern

God is here as we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer:
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the Word has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold.
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!



The Great Thanksgiving

Sending Out

T – Thaxted

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.