



Holy Communion

9.30am – Sun 2nd August 2026

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!...

453 Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan
© 1923. Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company

Gathering and Greeting

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

All: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: And also with you

Welcome – Rev John Lenton

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of
God's love, revealed in Word and
Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

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.

Assurance of forgiveness

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.

We sing 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.

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

'Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not
satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with
you, my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the
peoples, a ruler and commander of the
peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know
not, and nations you do not know will
come running to you, because of
the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:15-22

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O
God my King.

¹⁴ The Lord is sure in all his words ♦ and
faithful in all his deeds ¹⁵ The Lord upholds
all those who fall ♦ and lifts up all those
who are bowed down.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O
God my King.

¹⁶ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due
season. ¹⁷ You open wide your hand ♦ and
fill all things living with plenty. ¹⁸ The Lord is
righteous in all his ways ♦ and loving in all
his works.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O
God my King.

¹⁹ The Lord is near to those who call upon
him, ♦ to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰ He fulfils the desire of those who fear
him; ♦ he hears their cry and saves them.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O
God my King.

²¹ The Lord watches over those who love
him, ♦ but all the wicked shall he destroy.

²² My mouth shall speak the praise of the
Lord, ♦ and let all flesh bless his holy name
for ever and ever.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O
God my King.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:1-11

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is short-sighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.'

¹⁶ Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'

¹⁷ 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered.

¹⁸ 'Bring them here to me,' he said. ¹⁹ And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon – John Lenton

Great and Precious Promises

Profession of Faith

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.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

In heavenly love abiding, 478
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Anna Laetitia Waring

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks
 to the Lord our God
All: It is right to give
 thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.

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 in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we

look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

The Breaking of Bread

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

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

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.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church family news

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart 386
Be all else but naught to me
save that Thou art

Be Thou my best thought
in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
be Thou my true word
Be Thou ever with me
and I with Thee Lord
Be Thou my great Father
and I Thy true son
Be Thou in me dwelling
and I with Thee one

Riches I need not nor man's empty praise
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always
Be Thou and Thou only
the first in my heart
O Sovereign of heaven
my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
Thou heaven's bright Sun
O grant me its joys after victory is won
Great Heart of my own heart
whatever befall
Still be Thou my vision O Ruler of all

Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and
be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on
you and give you peace; and the blessing
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

CCLI: 777478

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England
(2000) material from which is included in this service is copyright © the
Archbishops' Council of the Church of England 2000
Holy Bible, New International Version® Anglicized, NIV® Copyright ©
1979, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights
reserved worldwide.

Readings for next Sunday

9th August – Trinity 10

1 Kings 19.9–18

Psalm 85.8–13

2 Peter 1:12–21

Matthew 14.22–33

The week ahead

Sun 2 nd	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 3 rd		
Tues 4 th	7.30 for 8-9pm	Summer Midweek at the Vicarage – Prayer Focus
Wed 5 th		
Thurs 6 th	11am-12noon 12 noon	Drop-In for Coffee Holy Communion
Fri 7 th		
Sat 8 th		
Sun 9 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service with HC

Our Regular Midweek Activities are taking a break until the beginning of September

Summer Sundays

On Sundays in August, we will be running Summer Sundays for Creche and Grace Gang. They will all be in together in the hall, with a mix of leaders. Youth will not be running during these dates.

Sermon Series for August

Starting on 2nd August we are looking at the Second Letter of Peter. Under the series title of *Ready for the day*

2nd Aug 2 Peter 1:1-11

9th Aug 2 Peter 1:12-21

16th Aug 2 Peter 2:1-22

23rd Aug 2 Peter 3:1-18



Summer Midweeks in August



In August our normal midweek groups will be replaced by a single group open to all, meeting at the Vicarage, 163 Colney Hatch Lane, 8-9pm on Tuesdays. We will be looking at Peter's second letter – 2 Peter, which will be our sermon series for August



Also in August there will be a midweek communion on Thursdays at 12noon with a coffee/tea drop in beforehand at 11am