

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Hymn

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began;
and you who tread where he has trod
crown him the son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own
that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
triumphant from the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife,
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen us with his Spirit in our inner being so that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond all knowledge, we may be filled with all the fullness of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service

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The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

MORNING PRAISE

10am - Sunday 2nd October 2011 - 15th After Trinity

I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,
Haggai 2:23

Welcome

Hymn

1 God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year.
God is working his purpose out,
and the day is drawing near.
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

2 From the east to the utmost west
wherever foot has trod,
through the mouths of his
messengers

echoes forth the voice of God:
'Listen to me, ye continents,
ye islands, give ear to me,
that the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

3 How can we do the work of God,
how prosper and increase
harmony in the human race
and the reign of perfect peace?

What can we do to urge the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?

4 March we forth in the strength of God,
his banner is unfurled;
let the light of the gospel shine
in the darkness of the world:
strengthen the weary, heal the sick
and set ev'ry captive free,
that the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea.

5 All our efforts are nothing worth
unless God bless the deed;
vain our hopes for the harvest tide
till he brings to life the seed.
Yet ever nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found

steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

Reading - Matthew 4:18-22

[18] As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. [19] “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” [20] At once they left their nets and followed him. [21] Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, [22] and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Hymn

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alluluia.

2 Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alluluia.

3 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alluluia.

Reading - Haggai 2:20-23

[20] The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month: [21] “Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth. [22] I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.[23] “‘On that day,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

Talk – The chosen builder - *Tina Trevett*

Hymn

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand up before his cross,
an instrument of torture
inflicting pain and loss;
transformed by his obedience
to God's redeeming plan,
the cross was overpowered
by Christ, both God and man.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
be counted as his own;
his gospel of forgiveness
he cannot spread alone.
The love which draws us to him,
he calls us out to share;
he calls us to the margins
to be his presence there.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
in faith and hope be strong,
stand firm for right and justice,
opposed to sin and wrong.

Give comfort to the wounded,
and care for those in pain,
for Christ, in those who suffer,
is crucified again.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
who reigns as King of kings,
be ready for the challenge
of faith his kingship brings.
He will not force obedience,
he gives to each the choice
to turn from all that's holy,
or in his love rejoice.

5 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
give courage to the weak,
be unashamed to praise him,
be bold his name to speak.
Confront the cross unflinching,
Christ's love has set us free;
he conquered death for ever
and lives eternally.

Prayers

Loving God, once more you have blessed us, leading us through another week, forgiving our many mistakes and failings, blessing us in a multitude of ways, and so now, once more, we come to worship you. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts, to sing and pray, to read and listen, to think and learn, to give and receive. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come to worship you as our creator, our Lord, our Father, and our friend. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come to thank you for your goodness, your guidance, your love and your mercy. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come to praise you for your purpose that will not be defeated, your power that brings good even out of evil, your grace that refuses to be denied, your strength which can never be exhausted. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

Loving God, as we worship you today, draw us closer to you, closer to Christ, and closer to one another, so that the faith we profess now may show itself in our lives always. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**