



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

HOLY COMMUNION

10am - Sunday 23rd Oct 2011 - Last Sunday after Trinity

“But now be strong, O Zerubbabel,’ declares the LORD. ‘Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the LORD, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” *Haggai 2:4*

Welcome/Notices

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

Hymn

1 Christ is made our sure foundation,
Christ is Head and Corner-stone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

3 Grant, we pray, to all your people
All the grace they ask to gain;
What they gain from you for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.

2 To this temple, we implore you,
Come, great Lord of hosts, today;
Come with all your loving kindness,
Hear your servants as they pray,
And your fullest benediction
Shed in all its brightest ray.

4 Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One:
Unified in power and glory,
While unending ages run.

Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

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.

Absolution

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.**

Gloria - We say the Gloria together

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. 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.

The collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Haggai 2:1-9

[2:1] On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: [2] “Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, [3] ‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? [4] But now be strong, O Zerubbabel,’ declares the LORD. ‘Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the LORD, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the LORD Almighty. [5] ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’ [6] “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. [7] I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty. [8] ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty. [9] ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Hymn

I the Lord of sea and sky;
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night
I will give their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,

If you lead me;

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain;

I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

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

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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.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

The President and people receive communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal - *We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you 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.**

3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care; for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 28 starting at the 16th verse **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20

[16] Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. [17] When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Talk – ‘The discouraged builders’ – *Richard Fothergill*

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, we thank you for the fellowship of the Church for the privilege of belonging to your people and sharing in the ministry of the Body of Christ. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for the fellowship of our church here - for the friendship, encouragement, support and inspiration we gain from it, and for the ties that bind us together in Christ. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for one another - for the various gifts you have given us as a family and for the quirks and characteristics which make us what we are. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for the history of this church all those who have run the race before us and to whom we owe our being here now. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for those whose work among us we recognise today all who have offered spiritual guidance, nurture and inspiration, and all who have offered a practical ministry, sometimes unseen, unnoticed. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for the possibilities you set before us new avenues of service inviting our response, and new opportunities for witness waiting to be grasped. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

Loving God, we thank you for the fellowship of the Church for the privilege of belonging to your people and we ask you to help us honour that calling through all we are and do. Unite us in love **and send us out in faith.**

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

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

Hymn

1 To God be the glory! great things He hath done;
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

let the earth hear His voice;

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father,

through Jesus the Son;

And give Him the glory;

great things He hath done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Chorus*

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. *Chorus*

Eucharistic Prayer H - *We sit or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer*

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray using the words our Saviour 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**