



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

HOLY COMMUNION

11am - Sunday 14th Aug 2011 - 8th Sunday after Trinity

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Welcome/Notices

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

Hymn Tune St Denio 11 11 11 11

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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 8th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

First Reading – Habakkuk 2:1-20

[2:1] I will go up to the lookout tower. I'll station myself on the city wall. I'll wait to see how the LORD will reply to me. Then I'll try to figure out how to answer him. [2] The LORD replies, "Write down the message I am showing you in a vision. Write it clearly on the tablets you use. Then a messenger can read it and run to announce it.[3] The message I give you waits for the time I have appointed. It speaks about what is going to happen. And all of it will come true. It might take a while. But wait for it. You can be sure it will come. It will happen when I want it to.[4] "The Babylonians are very proud. What they want is not good. "But the one who is right with God will live by faith.[5] "Wine makes the Babylonians do foolish things. They are proud. They never rest. Like the grave, they are always hungry for more. Like death, they are never satisfied. They gather all of the nations to themselves. They take their people away as prisoners.[6] "Won't those people laugh at the Babylonians? Won't they make fun of them? They will say to them, "How terrible it will be for you who pile up stolen goods! You get rich by cheating others. How long will that go on?[7] Those who owe you money will suddenly rise up. You charge them too much interest. So they will wake up and make you tremble with fear. Then they will take away everything you have.[8] You have robbed many nations. So the nations that are left will rob you. You have spilled man's blood. You have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.' [9] "How terrible it will be for the Babylonians! They build their kingdom with money they gained by cheating others. They have tried to make the kingdom as secure as possible. After all, they did not want to be destroyed.[10] They have planned to wipe out many nations. But they have brought shame on their own kingdom.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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

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are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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.**

Hymn Tune Hanover 10 10 11 11

1 O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

So they must pay with their own lives.[11] The stones in the walls of their homes will cry out. And the wooden beams will echo that cry.[12] “How terrible it will be for the Babylonians! They build cities by spilling the blood of others. They establish towns by committing crimes.[13] I am the LORD who rules over all. Human effort is no better than wood that feeds a fire. So the nations wear themselves out for nothing.[14] The oceans are full of water. In the same way, the earth will be filled with the knowledge of my glory.[15] “How terrible it will be for the Babylonians! They give drinks to their neighbors. They pour the drinks from wineskins until their neighbors are drunk. They want to look at their naked bodies.[16] But the Babylonians will be filled with shame instead of glory. So now it is their turn to drink and be stripped of their clothes. The cup of anger in my powerful right hand is going to punish them. They will be covered with shame instead of glory.[17] The harm they have done to Lebanon will bring them down. Because they have killed so many animals, animals will terrify them. They have spilled man's blood. They have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.[18] “If someone carves a statue of a god, what is it worth? What value is there in a god that teaches lies? The one who trusts in another god worships his own creation. He makes statues of gods that can't speak.[19] How terrible it will be for the Babylonians! They say to a wooden god, ‘Come to life!’ They say to a stone god, ‘Wake up!’ Can those gods give advice? They are covered with gold and silver. They can't even breathe. [20] But I am in my holy temple. Let the whole earth be silent in front of me.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Tune In my life, Lord (Kilpatrick) - (Sung Twice)

1 In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life Lord, be glorified today.

2 In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 23 starting at the 37th verse **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 23:37

[37] “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Talk – In God's time, not our time – *Ray Lockhart*

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

Sovereign God, we come into your presence reminded of your greatness, your holiness, your beauty and your love; conscious that we come into the presence of one vastly greater than ourselves; the creator of life and sustainer of the universe, of everything that is and has been and shall be.

For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

You are a God of justice and truth, righteousness and purity, and yet we remember that you are also a God of love - a God who cares for each one of us, bringing joy out of sadness, hope out of despair, light out of darkness, wholeness out of imperfection. Day by day you are with us, at work in the lives of all. For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

We thank you for the many blessings you pour into our lives, for the innumerable gifts that enrich them - the love we share, the beauty we marvel at, the health we enjoy, the interests we pursue - so much to excite and enthral, to fascinate and savor; so much to give thanks for! For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

We thank you that in Christ we are set free truly to appreciate your world - that the bondage of sin, the stranglehold of self and the grip of death have been broken. We thank you that you want us to enjoy life at its fullest, and not just now but for all eternity. Great is your name and worthy of all honour and glory. For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

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 Tune Old 100th LM

1 All people that on earth do dwell, give thanks and bless him all your days:
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice: let every tongue confess his name.

serve him with joy, his praises tell, 4 For God, our mighty Lord is good,
come now before him and rejoice! his mercy is for ever sure;

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed, his truth at all times firmly stood,
he formed us all without our aid; and shall from age to age endure.

we are the flock he loves to feed, 5 Praise God the Father, God the Son,
the sheep who by his hand are made. and God the Spirit evermore;

3 O enter then his gates with praise, all praise to God the Three-in-One,
and in his courts his love proclaim; let heaven rejoice and earth adore!

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**