



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

HOLY COMMUNION

11am - Sunday 28th Aug 2011 - 10th 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 Blaenwern 87 87 D

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
And unbounded love impart;
Visit us with your salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Come to us, return for ever,
Never more your temples leave.

We shall always give you blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Honour, praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your perfect love.

3 Finish, then, your new creation,
Pure and sinless let us be;
Let us see your great salvation,
Perfect in eternity.

Sanctify us, we implore you,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Where we ever shall adore you,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 forever.

Amen

First Reading – Hebrews 11:1 & 17-40

[1] Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [17] By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, [18] even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” [19] Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death. [20] By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. [21] By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. [22] By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones. [23] By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. [24] By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. [25] He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. [26] He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. [27] By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. [28] By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. [29] By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. [30] By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. [31] By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. [32] And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, [33] who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, [34] quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to

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.**

Hymn - Tune: Nottingham 77 77

1 Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.	4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as thou shalt choose.
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love; Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.	5 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart-it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.
3 Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.	6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure-store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

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

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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.**

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 our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. [35] Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. [36] Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. [37] They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— [38] the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.[39] These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. [40] God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Tune Lord of the years 11 10 11 10

- 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.

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.

Second Reading – Habakkuk 3:16-19

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Talk – Have faith anyway – *Michelle Ireland*

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised that those who seek will find. So now we bring you our prayers for all in our world, known and unknown to us, who, in different ways, are searching. May your light shine upon them: **a beacon of hope and a lamp to their path.**

We pray for those who search for meaning, their lives empty, devoid of purpose, hungry for something or someone to put their trust in. In the bewildering variety of this world's voices, each claiming to offer the answer, may your love break through and the message of the gospel touch their hearts, so that they might find in you the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. May your light shine upon them: **a beacon of hope and a lamp to their path.**

We pray for those for whom the journey of life is hard, beset by pain, sickness and sorrow, or overwhelmed by disaster, deprivation and injustice. In the trials they face and the burdens they struggle with may your love break through and the message of the gospel bring strength and comfort, help, healing and inspiration. May your light shine in the darkness: **a beacon of hope and a lamp to their path.**

We pray for those unsure of the way ahead, faced by difficult choices and vital decisions, troubled by situations in which they can see no way forward or doubting their ability to cope with the demands the future will bring. In the uncertainties of this ever-changing world, may your love break through and the message of the gospel bring a new sense of direction, an inner peace, and the assurance which you alone can give, so that, whatever they may face, they will know that nothing will ever separate them from your love. May your light shine upon them: **a beacon of hope and a lamp to their path.**

We pray for those who have gone astray betraying their principles, or their loved ones, or, above all, you. In this world of so many subtle yet powerful temptations, may your love break through and the message of the gospel bring new beginnings, so that, however low they might have fallen, they will know themselves forgiven, accepted and restored. May your light shine in the darkness: **a beacon of hope and a lamp to their path.**

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer for all who seek purpose, help, guidance and mercy. May they find in you the answer to their prayer

and the end to their searching. 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 Austria 87 87D

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.	Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage- grace which, like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age? 3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner, light by night and shade by day; safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.
2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.	

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.