

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.**

As the dew falls in the morning, so may the grace of God descend upon us. As the sun bathes all its life-giving light, so may the radiance of Christ shine in our hearts. As the wind blows where it will, so may the breath of the spirit move freely in our lives. Living God, work in us and with us and through us to your glory. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hymn

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow? *Chorus.*

3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus.*

4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore? *Chorus.*

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



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

TEN LAMPS EVENING PRAISE

6pm - Sunday 21st August 2011 - 9th after trinity

'Have faith anyway'

Welcome/Notices

Hymn

1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.
*You alone are my strength, my
shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*

2 I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Chorus*
3 You're my Friend and You're my
Brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything. *Chorus*

Reading – Habakkuk 3:17-19

[17] The fig trees might not bud. The vines might not produce any grapes. The olive crop might fail. The fields might not produce any food. There might not be any sheep in the pens. There might not be any cattle in the barns.[18] But I will still be glad because of what the LORD has done. God my Saviour fills me with joy.[19] The LORD and King gives me strength. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He helps me walk on the highest places. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk – Have faith anyway – *Matthew Street*

The Holocaust

A poem of belief scratched on the wall of a cellar, by a Jew in the Cologne concentration camp

"I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love,
even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God,
even when he is silent.
I believe through any trial,
there is always a way
But sometimes in this suffering
and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter,
to know someone's there
But a voice rises within me, saying hold on

my child, I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while.

I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love
even when there's no one there
But I believe in God
even when he is silent
I believe through any trial
there is always a way.

May there someday be sunshine
May there someday be happiness
May there someday be love
May there someday be peace...."

Reflection *I believe in the sun*

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, we pray for those who are weary, exhausted in body, mind and soul. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

We think of those whose daily work hangs heavy upon them those in dull, soul-destroying employment, in stressful and pressurised careers, in labour that is heavy and physically exhausting, or in jobs involving long and unsociable hours. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

We think of those who have no job, yearning for the opportunity to use their skills, deprived of a sense of self-respect, unable to provide for their loved ones as they would like to, their life seeming empty and frustrating. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

We think of those who are suffering -battling against illness, wrestling with infirmity, crushed by physical disability, or enduring long-term physical or emotional pain. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

We pray for those who have lost their enthusiasm for life, the depressed and downhearted, the mentally disturbed, the sad and disillusioned, the frightened and anxious; all those for whom just getting through another day has become an effort. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

We think of those who have nothing to sustain their hope, those whose dreams have been crushed by the harsh realities of life, who struggle with doubt and uncertainty, whose faith in you and the future has been battered beyond repair, their ability to bounce back finally exhausted. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

Loving God, draw near to all through Christ. Grant the peace of your presence, the healing of your touch, the blessing of your guidance, and the assurance of

your constant love, so that all who are weary may walk in hope and look forward in faith. Lord of life, **renew their strength and refresh their spirits.**

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

Song

I Believe in the Sun
I believe in the Sun
Even when it isn't shining.
I believe in love
Even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God.....
I believe in God.....
Even when....
He is silent.
I believe in miracles.
I believe in light.
I believe there can always be a way.
I believe that nothing is impossible.
I believe that nothing is impossible.
And things are possible with God.
I believe in the Sun
Even when it isn't shining.
I believe in love
Even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God.....
I believe in God.....
Even when....
He is silent.
I believe in the Son of God.
I believe in his way.
I believe he can lead us to the light.
I believe that he is calling us.
I believe that he is calling us.
And he will lead us on our way.
I believe in the Sun.
Even when it isn't shining.
I believe in love
Even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God.....
I believe in God.....
Even when...
He is silent.