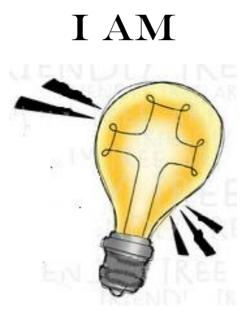
Holy Communion Sunday 19th September 2021 The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity



THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

All Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, Shine Fill this land with the Father's glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light Lord, I come to your awesome presence From the shadows into your radiance By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, Consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me

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As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story Shine on me, shine on me

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Intro to confession

Confession

All God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners, We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do, For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

Absolution Amen.

The Collect for The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Reading John 8:12-30 - "I Am the Light"

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

²² This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"

²³ But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins."

²⁵ "Who are you?" they asked.

"Just what I have been telling you from the beginning," Jesus replied. ²⁶ "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

²⁷ They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up^[a] the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹ The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." ³⁰ Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

This is the word of the Lord All **Thanks be to God**

<u>Talk</u>

Prayers

The Peace

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.' The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Communion

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying*:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and, by the Holy Spirit, his blood which he shed for you. Eat in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer After Communion

We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord; Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might. Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower: Raise Thou me Heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joy, bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Final Prayer/Blessing



There are times that we all would like to know that someone else is praying alongside us. Please email your prayer requests to

prayers@httchurch.org

Prayer requests can be as detailed as you wish of both needs and thanks; just let us know how much detail we can share with our prayer team.

NOTICES

Harvest Festival – 26 September

Our Harvest Service will take place at the 10am service on Sunday 26 September. Please come along and bring these much-needed nonperishable **items for our local Food Banks**: canned meat (such as stews) and fish, long life fruit juice and milk, crisps, chocolates and cleaning materials such as washing up liquid, cleaning sprays, bleach etc. Again, we're running **'coin on a can'**, so please tape a £1 or £2 coin on the cans/jars. This money will be donated to SPEAR.

Sunday School

We are excited to welcome our youngest church family members back to Sunday School this term. The next session will take place at our Harvest Service on Sunday 26 September.

Fun Gardening Activities for Wildlife

As a church family we are working towards our Eco Church status at Holy Trinity. We warmly welcome you to get involved by attending one of our upcoming events over the autumn:

- Saturday 25 September Sowing a wildlife meadow and more
- Saturday 23 October Planting bulbs, preparing area for a small wildlife pond and mounting nesting boxes
- Saturday 13 November Planting of fruit bearing trees, building of a wildlife pond for amphibians and more.

Please pick up a leaflet from the welcome table with full information.