

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



COMMUNION SERVICE THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE GATHERING

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

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

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation – *Sit or kneel*

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save from our sins

and to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all

**All 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.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All 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 - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Lord of heaven and earth,
As Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:10-28

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the

crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon — *All sit*

The Creed — *All Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession — *We sit or kneel*

The prayers end with the following:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace — *All stand*

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Thematic Reading — Luke 24:30-34

At the lectern.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

**Blessing of God for his goodness
Blessed are you,
God of those who hunger and thirst,
for you give us our food in due season.
You nourish us with your word,
Which is the bread of life.
You strengthen us with your Spirit,
the new wine of your kingdom.
In Christ you are food for the hungry,
refreshment for the weary.
Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer.
Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord's Prayer

From the lectern.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Giving of Communion

The minister moves to the Holy Table and says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The minister and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept after which the Post-Communion prayer is said.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

The minister and people depart.

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SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 23rd August 9.30am

The Sunday service is livestreamed via Facebook, YouTube and Twitter
(it can also be viewed later our Facebook page)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

James Bedford	Raymond Nation	Roy Stone
Pamela Claridge	Michael O'Hagan	Sandra Swain
Robb Clarke	June Prentice	Rev. Peter Taylor
Rebecca Cohen	John Radford	Shirley Warrender
Ann Considine	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Chick Wilson
Chris Davenport	Delphine Scrivener	Peter Wilson
Michael Dixon	Riley Shaw	Jo Wood
Jim Hennessey	Anne Shenton	Nic
Libby Mills	Elsie Stone	Martyn
James Bedford	Raymond Nation	Roy Stone

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Audrey Cummins

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Alan William Palmer	Margaret Smith	Derek Charles Muggeridge
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Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus

NOTICES

The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone daily. Please contact us if you need help or know of someone who does.

Annual Leave

Father Joseph is on annual leave from 3rd August to 23rd August.

Church Services

At present all services are strictly limited on numbers to maintain social distancing and entry has to be booked and ALL seating will be allocated.

Tickets can be booked from 9am on Mondays for the Sunday Eucharist, ticketing closes at midday on the Saturday before the service.

Booking links can be found on the front page of our website. If you are unable to book online please contact Denise at the Parish Office to reserve your place.

Sides Persons

If you are able to help as a sides person at this time please contact the Parish Office.

Wednesday Service

There will be no Wednesday services on 12th & 19th August.

Weekly Newsletter

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise. It can be a short piece, but the more variety we have the more interesting for everybody. The deadline for the week is midday Tuesday.

Sunday Tea & Chat & More Tea (midweek)

After the service at 11.15am on Sunday and 10.30am on Tuesday 18th August the zoom codes are in the newsletter. If unsure please call the office. ***The topic for Tuesday's "More Tea" is show a rock, shell, stone that you have at home as a reminder of a place.***

Electoral Roll

If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship, why not complete an application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll. Please email or phone the parish office for a form.

Crossroads

Please email Rosemary at crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com if you have anything you would like to include in the parish magazine. The July/August edition is now on our website.

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