

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS CARSHALTON

HIGH MASS



President & Preacher: Fr Daniel Burton, Assistant Curate

Communion Service in G (Herbert Sumsion) ♦ Turn thy face from my sins
(Thomas Attwood)

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY | 17TH
SEPTEMBER 2023**

A WARM WELCOME

to everyone this morning, whether you're an established worshipper, new, visiting or trying us out. God has been worshipped on this site since Saxon times and we continue the same ministry of worship, witness and pastoral care to the people of this parish.

Baptised Christians from any Christian tradition are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion today.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the priest.

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Organ prelude:
Prelude – “Halton Holgate” (David Thorne)

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the sacristy bell rings; we sing the entrance hymn:

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow
onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
marching to the Promised Land.**

**Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
stepping fearless through the night.**

**One the light of God's own presence
o'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
brightening all the path we tread;**

**One the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires:**

**One the strain that lips of thousands
life as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun;**

**One the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
Where the One Almighty Father
reigns in love for evermore.**

Tune: MARCHING, Martin Shaw

Words: Bernardt Ingemann, trans. Sabine Baring-Gould

The President greets everyone:

We gather for worship in the name of ✠ the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

The President adds other words of welcome and then the Deacon introduces the Prayers of Penitence:

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sin.

The choir sings the Kyrie Eleison:

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

We pray together:

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.
Amen.

The President pronounces God's 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.

The choir sings the Gloria in Excelsis:

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.

In silence we pray.

Silent prayer; then the President prays the Collect for the Day.

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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 for ever.
Amen.

Please SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14: 1-12

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND to sing the Gradual hymn:

**Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O, save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.**

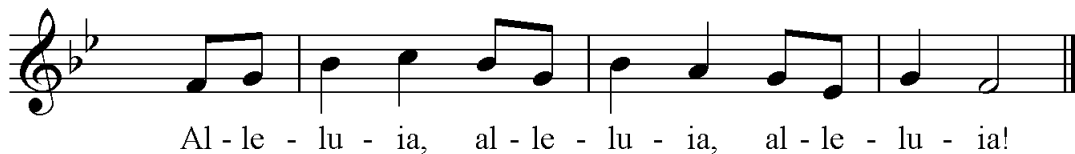
**And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.**

Tune: ABRIDGE, Isaac Watts

Words: Isaac Williams

We sing the Gospel Acclamation with the choir:



The choir sings the verse:

*We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.*

We sing the Acclamation again:

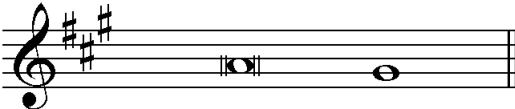
Then: 
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.

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



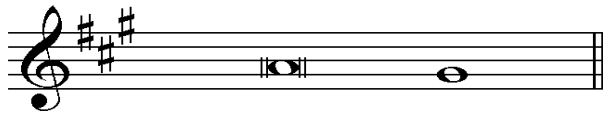
Glory be to thee, O Lord

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘‘Pay what you owe.’’ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded

with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Matthew 18: 21-25

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to thee O Christ.

An organ fanfare follows to honour the Gospel.

The address follows. We pause briefly to reflect on what we've heard, then STAND:

I believe in one God

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The prayers of intercession follow:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The following response is used:

Lord, in thy mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The prayers end

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

Please STAND as the President introduces the Peace:

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
the Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

The Altar is prepared, during which we sing the Offertory hymn:

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
that the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Tune: CORVEDALE, arr. Maurice Bevan

Words: Frederick W. Faber

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

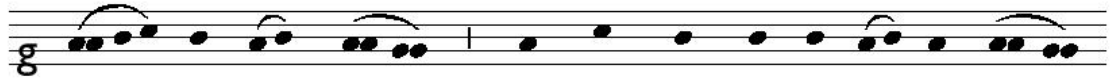
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.



The Lord be with you **R.** and with thy spi-rit.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them up un-to the Lord.



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.



R. It is meet and right so to do.

The President continues the prayer, thanking God for all his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

(...and join their unending song of praise:)

We sing Sanctus and Benedictus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues the prayer, repeating the Lord's own words over the bread and wine and asks the Father to send the Spirit on them to sanctify them. Then:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The President continues, joining our offering with Christ's self sacrifice. At the end:

..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

R. C. R. C.
A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men,
R. C.
A - - - men, A - - - men.

Silence

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we pray, in the language of our choice:

Our Father, who art in heaven,...

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt y nefoedd

Notre père, qui es aux cieux....

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지...

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel...

Nna-ayi, Nke bi n'elu-igwe...

Amang ami da shorga...

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.

The choir sings Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

All who are Baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, do come forward for a blessing, keeping your head bowed as a sign to the priest.

All taking part online make their Spiritual Communion, using the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, grant, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

During the administration, the choir sings 'Turn thy face from my sins' (Thomas Attwood)

*Turn thy face from my sin, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit
from me.*

Music: Thomas Attwood

Words: Psalm 51, vv 9-1

SILENT PRAYER, then the President then prays the Post Communion Prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please SIT for any notices; afterwards, please STAND:

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.

We sing the final hymn, during which the altar party process to the west end:

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

Tune: MANNHEIM, melody from Friedrich Filitz's *Choralbuch*

Words: James Edmeston

Please turn to face the open southwest door, to symbolise taking the Gospel out into the world:

The Mass is ended; go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**Organ Voluntary
Chorale Prelude “O Gott, du frommer Gott”, from Eleven
Chorale Preludes for Organ (Johannes Brahms)**

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