

# Service Sheet

30<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 10.30am St Mary's  
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. During the summer holidays there is no Sunday Club - all ages stay together. Child-friendly activities are provided. Access to unsupervised creche in the vestry is available. Please talk to one of our welcomers.

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAISE (Psalm 105.1-4)

O give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name,  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
**tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
**seek his presence continually.**

## HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance  
he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal Sacrifice  
of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

## CONFESSION

**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 and his resurrection. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **BAPTISM OF ROSE HAGGER**

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Rose and uphold her in her new life?  
**With the help of God we will.**

### **Profession of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### **The Baptism**

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

### **The Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Rose, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

### **Lighting of the Baptism Candle**

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Rose, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.**

## **SONG**

La la la...

Clap your hands, shout for joy,  
God is here!  
Clap your hands, shout for joy,  
God is here!

Now is the time  
to sing with all your heart.  
Now is the time to celebrate our God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3. 5-12**

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.' <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

## **SECOND READING:**

**Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup>He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

## **SERMON**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me  
save that thou art;  
thou my best thought  
in the day and the 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 heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care

Riches I need not,  
nor all the world's praise,  
thou mine inheritance  
through all my days;  
thou, and thou only,  
the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven  
when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me,  
O bright heav'n's sun;  
Christ of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS**

*We pray for our five mission partners: Bible Reading Fellowship, Church Army, SHOC/Trinity, Tearfund and Wycliffe Bible Translators. We thank you for their sharing of good news in action and word and pray that you would sustain and inspire them. May they see rich fruit in their work for you.*

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

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**

## HYMN

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

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

## BLESSING

*Songs and Hymns under CCLI licence 61873*



Let's pray together....

- As we enjoy the summer weeks at home or away, let us pray for the homeless, refugees and people living in areas of conflict and war.
- For children starting school, moving up to secondary school or leaving school. For families during the summer holidays.
- For those who have lost loved ones; especially the families of Andrew Everley



## GOOD CALL

Hearing from God  
and making good decisions

Our sermon theme for August,  
chosen by you

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