

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Proper 11



*He had compassion for them,
because they were like sheep without a shepherd*

The Parish Mass

Sunday 18th July 2021

10.15 am

¶ Keeping everyone safe at St Matthew's

If you have any of the recognized Covid-related symptoms, please self-isolate immediately and seek a test.

For all others, and in accordance with Government guidance and local decision, we respectfully require you to:

Go directly to a chair where there is an order of service booklet, and remain there. Please fill up the chairs in the centre of the nave and transepts first - some chairs in the side aisles have a restricted view. We ask that you do not move the chairs, handle any other furniture, move from chair to chair, or remove a service booklet.

The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless you belong to one of the medically exempted groups. This must cover both your mouth and your nose. (Plastic visors are not a substitute for a face covering and do not protect others).

The church **toilet facilities are available** for use. Please follow the instructions on the signs, leave the cubical light on, and the door open after use to facilitate ventilation.

At communion - a priest will come to you. You are respectfully asked to ensure that your face covering remains in place until the words of administration have been spoken, and you have responded by saying 'Amen'.

After the service - please depart via the north door whilst maintaining physical distancing. A monetary offering may be made there. Please sanitize your hands as you leave. Assistance is available for those who require help negotiating the steps.

We may gather on the green at the east end of the church building in physically distanced groups of up to thirty. The families of those who ashes have been interred at the north side of the church and the east end of the Lady Chapel have asked that we do not congregate in these areas. Thank you.

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Prayer

Jesus looked at the people,
and seeing that they were like sheep without a shepherd,
he took pity on them, and taught them at length.
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd.
Take pity on us, for at times we too are like sheep.
Save us from a blind following of the herd.
Help us to listen to your voice and to follow you.
See that we follow not the wrong path,
and lead us along the path of life eternal.

Setting

Communion Service in C

Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

Please stand at the sound of the bell

All † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

All The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The service is introduced

Invitation to Confession

Let us now approach the Good Shepherd
in a spirit of trust and love,
asking pardon for our failures and strength for our weakness.

Confession

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Kyries

Lord Jesus, you guide us along the right path:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You accompany us through the valley of darkness:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You lead us to the green pastures of eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive † you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir *Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

All

Amen.

Please sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Reader

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my

flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

All I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.

All I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.'

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Please sit

Nicene Creed

Please stand

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

All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

All may bow **For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Please sit

Priest Let us pray to the Father who cared about us so much
that he sent his Son to be our friend and shepherd.

After each petition

Intercessor Lord, we come before you;
All in you is our peace.

Priest God of power and love,
may we who have experienced the love of Christ,
the Good Shepherd,
show that same love to others.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

Sign of Peace

Jesus said, 'Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

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

With an appropriate gesture, let us offer each other the sign of Christ's peace.

Please sit while the altar is prepared

Anthem

Ex ore innocentium

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Choir It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.
And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved him not.
I sometimes think about the Cross,
And shut my eyes, and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,
And Jesus crucified for me.
But even could I see him die,
I should but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.
And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

Invitation to Prayer

Please stand

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Choir *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the Virgin Mother of God,
Saint Matthew and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

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

All Amen.

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

The Lord's Prayer

Christ broke down the barrier between Jews and Gentiles,
making them into one people.
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Angus Dei

Choir *O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Giving of Communion

I am standing at the door, knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Spiritual Communion – for those at home

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All **In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

**I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.**

Motet

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

Choir

*In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

*When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

*When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drown'd in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose Son in the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving sacrament,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Notices for the Community

Please sit

¶ Sending Out

Please stand

All The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Solemn Blessing

All May you be blessed with an unshakeable belief in the love of Christ,
the Good Shepherd.
Amen.

All May you find joy in belonging to his flock.
Amen.

All May you imitate his love by the concern you show for others.
Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

All Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Fête *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

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