

**Holy Communion**

**First Sunday after Trinity**

**22 June 2025**

Welcome to our services of Holy Communion today. Revd Dr Robert Tobin is presiding at 8am and Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, at 10am. Richard Mash, Reader, is preaching at both services. Children’s Church is meeting in the Hall.

**Readings**

Isaiah 65: 1-9

Psalm 22: 18-27

Galatians 3: 23-29

Luke 8: 26-39

**Hymns**

170 The Church’s one foundation

376 In Christ there is no east or west

115 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

361 For the healing of the nations

**Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,

mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

**Prayer after Communion**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith,

build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 65: 1-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
    to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, ‘Here I am, here I am’,
    to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long
    to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
    following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
    to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
    and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
    and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine’s flesh,
    with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, ‘Keep to yourself,
    do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.’
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
    a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
    I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
    their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the mountains
    and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
    full payment for their actions.
Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
    and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
    for there is a blessing in it’,
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
    and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
    and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
    and my servants shall settle there.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 22: 18-27**

18 They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord : thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

**Second Reading**

**Galatians 3: 23-29**

A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**Luke 8: 26-39**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Today’s Music**

**Mass setting**

***Mass for 5 voices -* Byrd**

**Psalm 22: 18-27**

You can find the words on page 3 of this sheet.

**Anthem**

***See, see, the Word is incarnate -* Gibbons**

See, the Word is incarnate; God is made man in the womb of a Virgin. Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing
'Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will towards men.

The law is cancelled, Jews and Gentiles converted by the preaching of glad tidings of salvation. The blind have sight and cripples have their motion; diseases cured, the dead are raised, and miracles are wrought. Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered, Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin. The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of hell are shaken; and lo, he is risen up in victory. Sing Alleluia.

See, O see the fresh wounds, the gored blood, the prick of thorns, the print of nails. And in the sight of multitudes a glorious ascension.

When now he sits on God's right hand where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing: Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne. Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna: Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; with Alleluia, we triumph in victory, the serpent's head is bruised, Christ's kingdom exalted, and heaven laid open to sinners. Amen.

**Communion**

***Agnus Dei* from *Mass for 5 voices -* Byrd**

***The Lord’s Prayer -* Sheppard**

**Organ voluntary**

***Pièce d’Orgue –* Huw Watkins**

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**Prayers for the week**

Our prayers and congratulations to Ben Crompton and Helen Springbett who were married at St Mary’s, Ringmer, yesterday.

We pray for those in need: Fran Barlow, Stephen Vincent Caruso, Ian Clark, Fiona Cochran, Helen Delap, Alison Fenwick, Hessie Hervey, Nick Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Vinubhai Patel, David Skingley, Jessica Springbett, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Anne and Noel Timmons, Sabrina Unold, Drew Webster, Jan Woolley and Pauline Youll.

We remember all who have died recently including Ruth Adjorlolo, Felix Holdgate, Andrew Hillas and baby Gabriel Joseph Kanu.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** **dmcevoy@btinternet.com**

**A Prayer from *Embrace the Middle East***

Compassionate and loving God, we stand with those who cry in anguish in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon. With those who have lost their lives to violence, those who mourn, those who have been displaced, those who are held unjustly against their will, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods. We pray for an end to the fighting and violence. We pray for the courage to speak up for peace, to challenge the hatred in our own hearts and minds, and to do all that we can to make for the peace that builds our common life as the nations of your world.  Amen.

**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 22 June *First Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

**Monday 23 June**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 24 June**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 25 June**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 26 June**

8.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 29 June *Second Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am All Age Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Frank Smith Room in the hall.

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