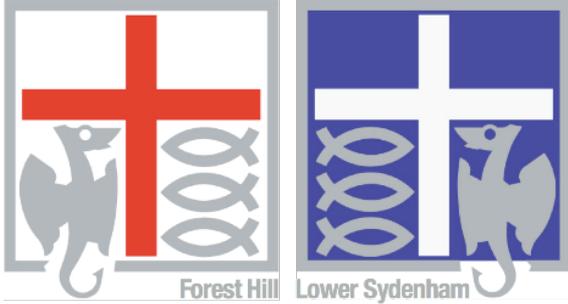


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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 26th JULY 2020

The Gathering

The Priest welcomes everyone and announces the first hymn

Hymn Shine, Jesus, Shine

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.

Chorus

As we gaze on Your kindly 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.

Chorus

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President Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

The Prayer of Penitence

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.
 On our city: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness.

On us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
 Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The minister may use these or other suitable words.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
 draw *us* to himself,
 and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins
 that we may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

The Collect

**Generous God,
 you give us gifts and make them grow:
 though our faith is small as mustard seed,
 make it grow to your glory
 and the flourishing of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Genesis 29: 15—28

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were lovely,^[a] and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will

serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’¹⁹ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’²⁶ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.’²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

At the end, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 - 52

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² 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.’³³ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

⁴⁴ ‘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.’⁴⁵ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.’⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² 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.'

At the end, the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Short Talk

The Creed

**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.**

**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 Intercession

The response to 'Lord, in your mercy' is 'Hear our prayer' or to 'Lord, hear us', 'Lord, graciously hear us.'

At the end of the intercessions the leader says

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

The minister may use these or other suitable words.

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.' The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

We offer those near to us a sign of peace. We say to each other, "Peace be with you", and respond, "and also with you".

Offertory

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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have

given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.

Blessed be God forever.

Lord, as we give our resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We say together the prayer Jesus taught his friends:

**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.**

The Blessing

The minister will say a prayer followed by:

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy be and remain with you,
now and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn – Faithful One

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, You're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on You
I call out to You
Again and again
I call out to You
Again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm, Your love is
The anchor, My hope is in You alone

Music & Words: Brian Doerksen

The Dismissal

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen