

**The Parishes
of Shere & Albury
Joint Service of
Morning Prayer
13th September 2020**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after
Trinity**



Opening Response

Wherever two or three
are gathered in Christ's name
All: He is here amongst us

Prayer of Preparation

We have come together
in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our
sins, that by the power of the Holy
Spirit we may give ourselves to the
service of God. **Amen**

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies
open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new
day, so may the light of your
presence, O God, set our hearts on
fire with love for you; now and for
ever.

All: Amen.

Confession

All you ask of us is to love one
another, God of our lives, and you
are more than willing to teach us
how. Yet we find this simple
request so hard to carry out, this
easy lesson so difficult to learn.
Someone cuts us off in traffic, and
we curse them. Another buys
something we want but cannot
afford, and we overflow with
jealousy. A friend gets the acclaim
we wanted, and we whisper about
them behind their backs.
Forgive us, Merciful God, and
unclasp our hands from
our grudges. With Christ in our
midst, we can become the
people you dream about: loving,
merciful, gentle, and
compassionate people of God.

Absolution

Readings

Psalm 149:1-2

Sung by the Choir

Cantate Domine - Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.

Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

(Translation)

Sing to the Lord a new song.

his praise in the assembly of the saints.

*Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King*

Matthew 18:15-20

At the end of reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Statement of Faith

All: We believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are a pilgrim people, travelling towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with words and sacraments, and we have the gift of the spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. We do this between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. Amen

Hymn (lead by the choir)

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.*

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

The response to: Lord in your Mercy

Is: **Hear our Prayer**

Intercessions conclude with:

Merciful father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Notices

Blessing & Dimissal

L: Go now to the people who are overwhelmed by despair.

P: **We will take the hope which has been given to us and share it with all.**

L: Go now to those who are at odds with neighbours.

P: **We will offer the peace and reconciliation which God has poured into our lives.**

L: Go now to those who are the most vulnerable in our world.

P: **We will bring the healing, the grace, the love of our God. And the blessing...**

Go in peace

to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ, Amen