

Trinity Twelve

Jesus Christ - Fact or Fiction

Hymns

746 What a friend we have in Jesus
51 God sent His Son, they called Him
Jesus – Because he lives
109 Crown Him with many Crowns

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us;
Remind us of your goodness,
Increase your grace within us,
That our thankfulness may grow,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.

Psalm 124

1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
• now may Israel say,
2 If the Lord had not been on our side,
• when enemies rose up against us;
3 Then would they have swallowed us alive,
• when their anger burned against us;
4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul;
• over our soul would have swept the raging waters.
5 But blessed be the Lord,
• who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6 Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
• the snare is broken and we are delivered.
7 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
• who has made heaven and earth.

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-8

The New Life in Christ

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we bring these gifts to you
with thankful hearts.
As we think today about
whether Jesus Christ is fact or fiction,
open our eyes to the truth of who he is,
our hearts to his love,
and our lives to follow him.
Use these gifts, and use us,
to share the good news of Jesus
with others.
In his name we pray.. Amen

Closing Prayer

:Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that you are not a story made up, but the living Son of God, who came into our world to show us the Father's love.
Help us to know you more clearly, trust you more deeply, and follow you more closely.
Where we have questions,
give us courage to seek the truth.
Where we have doubts,
meet us with your grace.
Where we have heard your call,
help us to respond with faith.
Send us out from this family service with open hearts, ready to share your good news in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our community.
May we live as people who have discovered that Jesus Christ is real, risen, and is with us always. Amen.

Notices

MAIN Service

Next Sunday 30th August
is the next **SEP joint**
service which is being held
at Christ Church this
service will start at
11am.

There will be a simpler
service at Cross and
Stable at 11.

Sunday 23rd August 2026

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THE CROSS AND STABLE

Songs for the Summer

*Morning glory, starlit sky,
soaring music, scholars' truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
memory's treasure, grace of youth:*

*Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.*

*Love that gives, gives evermore,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.*

*Drained is love in making full,
bound in setting others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.*

*Therefore he who shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell of what God's love must be.*

*Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.*

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NOTICES continued

Chatterbox

Every Wednesday
10:30 am to 12:30pm.
All Welcome - tea - coffee -
cakes - meet & chat.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

Community Larder

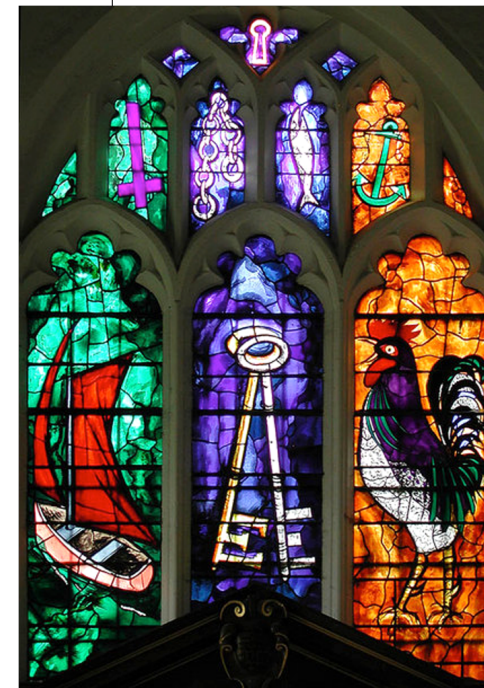
Every Tuesday from 11-
12:30

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TODAY

Trinity Eight
Family Breakfast Cub
From 10 am.
Service at 11 am I

THIS SUNDAY

Psalm 32.
2 Cor 5: 16 to 21
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32, 32

NEXT SUNDAY:

1 Kings 3,5-12
Psalm 119, 129-136
Romans 8,26-39
Mat 13,31-33,44-52

NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity Nine
Signed Communion 11
Led by Peter

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