

The Benefice of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe
Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities



Sunday 1 August 2021

**Sunday Worship
with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

9th Sunday after Trinity

**Recorded at St John the Baptist,
Flitton**

Greeting & Call to Worship

Lord, we who are empty

All: Come to be filled with your love.

We who are weak

All: Come to be filled with your strength.

We who are hungry

All: Come to be filled with your bread.

We who are searching

All: Come to be filled with your word.

We who are cautious

All: Come to be filled with your daring.

We who are open

**All: Come to be filled with your Spirit
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Lord God,
sustain us in this life
with the vision of your grace and glory,
that, strengthened by the bread of life,
we may come to your eternal dwelling place,
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound –
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

4. he Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Prayer of Confession

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love for a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

So may God forgive you all your sins,
May Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you
to grow in love. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: John 6:24-35

Read by Angela Ayres

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written,

“He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Address

Affirming our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith.**

All: **We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

1. *Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Christ is the Bread of Life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

3. *Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.*

2. *Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Intercessions

Response: Feed us with the Bread of Heaven

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

May the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon us and upon all our work
and worship done in his name.
May he give us the light to guide us,
courage to support us
and love to unite us,
now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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Please remember in your prayers this week:



Those who have died,
including
*Les Chambers,
Bethany Edwards,
June Witney*
and their families and
friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including
*Des Brazier,
Alice Butler,
Kay Chambers,
Kara De Napoli
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),
Stella Lawton,
Sally Metianu,
Bill Powers,
Joan Preston
Malcolm Smith*

We also remember: **Jonah - born at 27 weeks - great-grandson of Anne Stiles**
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home

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WE WELCOME

Charles and Penny Day

baptised in Silsoe Church on 1 August

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

9:30am - Holy Communion at Flitton Church led by Rev David Payne

11:00am – Morning Worship at Silsoe Church led by Maggie Jeeves, with a sermon by Rev David Payne

6:00pm – Evening Prayer at Pulloxhill Church led by Reader Roy Pinnock



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