

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of
Mercy should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path
of your will may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

*And a reminder too that our Wednesday service continues
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ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD

*Faithful
to God
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to all
Flourishing
for all*

10am Eucharist - (The 10th Sunday after Trinity - Aug. 16th)

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of
your humble servants; and that they may obtain their
petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be
revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to
my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of
prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house
of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who
gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered. *Isaiah 56.1,6-8*

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him,

saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. *Matthew 15.10-28*

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

Words of prayer as the Holy Table is cleared (491)

Love divine, all loves excelling (Blaenwern)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.