



Welcome

The First Sunday after Trinity

2 June



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Awake my soul, and with the sun,
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**2 Redeem thy mis-spent time that's
past,
live this day as if 'twere thy last:
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.**

**3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.**

**4 By influence of the light divine
let thy own light in good works shine;
reflect all heaven's propitious ways
in ardent love and cheerful praise.**

**5 Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**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 priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen.***

*The **Gloria** is sung from the separate music
sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

O God, the strength of all those who put
their trust in you, mercifully accept our
prayers and, because through the
weakness of our mortal nature we can do
no good thing without you, grant us the
help of your grace, that in the keeping of
your commandments we may please you
both in will and deed; 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.**

We sit for the **first and second readings.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5.12-15, read by Michaela

The LORD says this: ¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4.5-12, read by Gary

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book.*

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus,
hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us,
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou agonising Saviour,
bearer of our sin and shame,
by thy merits we find favour,
life is given through thy name.**

**2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid.
With almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
man is reconciled to God.**

**3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side:
there for sinners thou art pleading,
there thou dost our place prepare,
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you
Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
 Jesus Christ according to
 Mark (2, 23-3, 6)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

²⁴The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' ²⁵And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' ²⁷Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' ⁴Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon.***

*We stand to say 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 of 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.**

The **Prayers of Intercession** follow.

At the end:

Priest Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for
 the sake of your Son, our
 Saviour, Jesus Christ,
 Amen.

The Priest introduces the **Peace**:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
 you always

All And also with you

Priest Let us offer one another a
 sign of peace.

We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn**

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

**2 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.**

**3 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 and praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this bread
to offer, which earth has
given and human hands have
made. It will become for us
the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this wine
to offer. Fruit of the vine and
work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.
Priest Pray my sisters and brothers
that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the
Almighty Father.

All May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hand, for
the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and
the good of all his Church.

The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.
All It is right to give thanks
and praise...

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
Sanctus and **Benedictus** from the music
sheet.

The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith
**All: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen**

Priest We break this bread to share
in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many we
are one body, because we
all share in one bread**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung from the music sheet*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the
world, blessed are those who
are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation approaches the Altar to receive
Communion. All those who are in good
standing with their own Church are invited to
receive Communion. Those who prefer to ask for
a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the
Altar rail or bring this booklet as a sign to the
Priest.*

**Please make your way to the
Altar rail, and kneel (if able)**

**Please receive Communion in
your hand ONLY. If you wish to
receive the Chalice, please remain
in place. If not, return to your pew**

**Please keep absolute silence
during Communion**

Post Communion Prayers:

Eternal Father, we thank you for
nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith, build us up in hope, and make us
grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

We say together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal**.*

**I Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.**

**2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**3 Preserve me from my calling's
snare,
and hide my simple heart above,
above the thorns of choking care,
the gilded baits of worldly love.**

**4 Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance
see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.**

**5 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;**

**6 For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath
given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Wednesday 5 June

12.00 Sandwich Lunch, *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Saturday 8 June

Open Garden Weekend. Grounds open all day.

7.30pm Anglo-Portuguese Society Concert **

Sunday 9 June

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist.

4pm Choral Evensong, with the choir of St. Paul’s.

for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Forthcoming events

Saturday 15 June

1pm - 5pm

Strawberry Tea, in aid of Breast Cancer Now

Sunday 23 June

11.00 Sung Eucharist, with visiting choir, followed by blessing of the garden. Children will be given a packet of seeds, too!

***Tickets for all paid events at St. Paul’s can be obtained via our website
www.actorschurch.org*