



Welcome

The Third Sunday after Trinity

16 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

**O worship the King all glorious
above;
O gratefully sing his power and his
love;
our shield and defender, the ancient
of days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded
with praise.**

**2 O tell of his might, O sing of his
grace,
whose robe is the light, whose
canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep
thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of
the storm.**

**3 Thy bountiful care what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends
to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the
rain.**

**4 Frail children of dust and feeble as
frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to
fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to
the end!
Our maker, defender, Redeemer,
and friend.**

**5 O measureless might, ineffable
love,
while angels delight to hymn thee
above,
thy ransomed creation, though
feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.**

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.*

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Ezekiel 17.22-24, read by Tom

²²Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty
mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it, in order that it may produce
boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble
cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17, read by Tony

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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.*

**Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.**

**2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.**

**3 When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.**

**4 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!**

**5 O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.**

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 (4, 26-34)
All	Glory to you, O Lord.

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the

grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.
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*

**I Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all
joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares
can destroy,**

**Be there at our waking, and give us,
we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the
break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all
faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at
the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us,
we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at
the noon of the day.**

**3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all
grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your
arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us,
we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the
eve of the day.**

**4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all
calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose
presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us,
we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at
the end of the day.**

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.
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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 friends 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:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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**.*

**We Have A Gospel To Proclaim
Good News For Men In All The
Earth;**

The Gospel Of A Savior's Name:

We Sing His Glory, Tell His Worth.

**2 Tell Of His Birth At Bethlehem
Not In A Royal House Or Hall
But In A Stable Dark And Dim:
The Word Made Flesh, A Light For
All.**

**3 Tell Of His Death At Calvary
Hated By Those He Came To Save;
In Lonely Suffering On The Cross
For All He Loved, His Life He Gave.**

**4 Tell Of That Glorious Easter Morn:
Empty The Tomb, For He Was Free.
He Broke The Power Of Death And
Hell**

That We Might Share His Victory.

**5 Tell Of His Reign At God's Right
Hand,
By All Creation Glorified;
He Sends His Spirit On His Church
To Live For Him, The Lamb Who
Died.**

**6 Now We Rejoice To Name Him
King:
Jesus Is Lord Of All The Earth.
This Gospel Message We Proclaim:
We Sing His Glory, Tell His Worth.**

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Wednesday 19 June

12.00 Sandwich Lunch, *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday 20 June

Please note that the grounds are closed for filming today

Friday 21 June

7.30pm Much ado about Nothing **

Saturday 22 June

12pm Marriage Blessing

7.30pm The Heroes’ Band Concert **

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!*

4pm Choral Evensong

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