



Welcome

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

7 July



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
was strong to heal and save;
it triumphed o'er disease and death,
o'er darkness and the grave:
to thee they went, the blind, the
dumb,
the palsied and the lame,
the leper with his tainted life,
the sick with fevered frame.

2 And lo, thy touch brought life and
health,
gave speech and strength and sight;
and youth renewed and frenzy
calmed
owned thee, the Lord of light:
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,
almighty as of yore,
in crowded street, by restless couch,
as by Gennesareth's shore.

3 Be thou our great deliverer still,
thou Lord of life and death;
restore and quicken, soothe and
bless,
with thine almighty breath:
to hands that work, and eyes that
see,
give wisdom's heavenly lore,
that whole and sick, and weak and
strong,
may praise thee evermore.

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.*

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding: pour into our hearts such
love toward you that we, loving you in all
things and above all things, may obtain
your promises, which exceed all that we
can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 2.1-5, read by Gary

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. ¹He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12.2-10, read by Jim

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ²And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional

character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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.*

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

**2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**

**4 Be our strength in hours of
weakness,
in our wonderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

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 (6, 1-13)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'
⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.
⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.
¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'
¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my
heart,**
**be all else but naught to me, save
that thou art;**
**be thou my best thought in the day
and the night,**
**both waking and sleeping, thy
presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my
true word,**
**be thou ever with me, and I with
thee, Lord;**
**be thou my great Father, and I thy
true son;**
**be thou in me dwelling, and I with
thee one.**

**3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword
for the fight;**
**be thou my whole armour, be thou
my true might;**
**be thou my soul's shelter, be thou
my strong tower:**
**O raise thou me heavenward, great
Power of my power.**

**4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty
praise:**
**be thou mine inheritance now and
always;**
**be thou and thou only the first in my
heart:**
**O sovereign of heaven, my treasure
thou art.**

**5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's
bright sun,**
**O grant me its joys after vict'ry is
won;**
great heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

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.
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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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds,
and drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

3 Dear name! the rock on which I
build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never ending treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

**4 Jesus! my shepherd, brother,
friend,
my prophet, priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.**

**5 Till then would I thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

Post Communion Prayers:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to
the living water: refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name 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**.*

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.**

**Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

**2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.**

**Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.**

**3 Seven whole days, not one in
seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.**

**Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee. Alleluia!**

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

6.30pm The English Chamber Orchestra Concert **

Tuesday 9 July

1pm Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday 10 July

12.00 Community Lunch – all welcome

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday 11 July

Please note that the church and grounds are closed for a private event today

Friday 12 July

10am-4pm We Buy

Saturday 13 July

10am-4pm We Buy

Sunday 14 July

11.00 Sung Eucharist,

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

for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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