



Welcome

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

15 September



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!**

**2 Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**

**3 Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**

**4 Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

**5 Jesus lives! To him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!**

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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully to
hear the prayers of your people who call
upon you; and grant that they may both
perceive and know what things they ought
to do, and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Isaiah 50.4-9a, read by Margaret

The servant of the LORD said:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear to listen as those who are
taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 3.1-12, read by Arabella

¹Not many of you should become
teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you
know that we who teach will be judged
with greater strictness. ²For all of us make
many mistakes. Anyone who makes no
mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to
keep the whole body in check with a
bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of

horses to make them obey us, we guide
their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships:
though they are so large that it takes
strong winds to drive them, yet they are
guided by a very small rudder wherever
the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the
tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of
great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small
fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue
is placed among our members as a world
of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets
on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set
on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast
and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can
be tamed and has been tamed by the
human species, ⁸but no one can tame the
tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly
poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and
Father, and with it we curse those who
are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From
the same mouth come blessing and
cursing. My brothers and sisters, this
ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour
forth from the same opening both fresh
and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my
brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a
grapevine figs? No more can salt water
yield fresh.

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.*

**Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:**

Lift up your heart, etc.

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
*Lift up your heart, etc.***

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
*Lift up your heart, etc.***

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 8.27-38

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become

my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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***

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.

2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

3 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

4 Name him, brothers, name him,
with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

6 Brothers, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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
Priest **Blessed be God for ever.**
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
Priest **Blessed be God for ever.**
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

*We remain seated to sing the **hymn***
**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**3 Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be**

Post Communion Prayers:

Almighty God, you have taught us through
your Son that love is the fulfilling of the
law: grant that we may love you with our
whole heart and our neighbours as
ourselves; through 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**.*

**Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**3 O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail**

**4 O generous love! That he, who
smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man
for man should undergo;**

**5 Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Wednesday 18 September

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.40pm Tea and cake for all!

Thursday 19 September

Please note that the church office is closed today.

Friday 20 September

10.00 – 4pm We are. Second Life fashion

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 21 September

2pm Holy Matrimony

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 22 September

11.00 Sung Eucharist, for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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