



Welcome

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

6 October



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er
us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

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, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Genesis 2.18-24, read by Rob

¹⁸The LORD God said, 'It is not good that
the man should be alone; I will make him a
helper as his partner.' ¹⁹So out of the
ground the LORD God formed every
animal of the field and every bird of the
air, and brought them to the man to see
what he would call them; and whatever
the man called every living creature, that
was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all

cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12, read by Jim

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?' ⁷You have made them for a little while

lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour,⁸subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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.*

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their king;**

**3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for 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 10, 2-16

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his
²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus
they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to
divorce his wife?' ³He answered them,
'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They
said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a
certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.'

⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your
hardness of heart he wrote this
commandment for you. ⁶But from the
beginning of creation, "God made them
male and female." ⁷"For this reason a man
shall leave his father and mother and be
joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall
become one flesh." So they are no longer
two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God
has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked
him again about this matter. ¹¹Jesus said to
them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and
marries another commits adultery against
her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and
marries another, she commits adultery.'

¹³People were bringing little children to
him in order that he might touch them;
and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was
indignant and said to them, 'Let the little
children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom
of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever
does not receive the kingdom of God as a

little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he
took them up in his arms, laid his hands on
them, and blessed 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***

**Lord Jesus Christ,
You Have Come To Us
You Are One With Us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing Our Souls From All Their Sin
Pouring Your Love And Goodness In
Jesus Our Love For You We Sing,
Living Lord.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ Now And Every Day
Teach Us How To Pray, Son Of God.
You Have Commanded Us To Do This In Remembrance Lord Of You
Into Our Lives, Your Power Breaks Through,
Living Lord.**

**3 Lord Jesus Christ, I Would Come To You
Live My Life For You, Son Of God.
All Your Commands I Know Are True,
Your Many Gifts Will Make Me New,
Into My Life, Your Power Breaks Through,
Living Lord**

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 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***

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added
unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto
you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3 Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of
God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Post Communion Prayers:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us
with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 world 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**.*

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 kindliness, 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. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

.Tuesday 8 October

10.30am – 1pm Sing Space Choir

3pm Memorial Service for the late Jenny Potter RIP

Wednesday 9 October

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.40pm Tea and cake for all!

Friday 11 October

1pm Everybody Can

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by candlelight **

Saturday 12 October

8am – 6pm Church closed for a conference.

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by candlelight **

Sunday 13 October

11.00 Sung Eucharist,

12.15pm Parish Lunch

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

(Gifts of dried, tinned and non-perishable good would be most welcome)

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

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