



Welcome

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

3 August



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: Watch your belongings, especially handbags

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE
PROBLEMS WITH OUR LIGHTING AT
THE MOMENT. WE APOLOGISE FOR
ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23, read by Margaret

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - ¹⁹and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge

and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3.1-11, read by Arabella

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and

uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,
slave and free; but Christ is all and in
all!

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.*

Firmly I believe and truly
God is three and God is one:
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.
2 And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

3 Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

4 And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

5 Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*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 Luke (12, 13-21)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

13Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide
the family inheritance with me.’

14But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set
me to be a judge or arbitrator over
you?’ 15And he said to the crowd,
‘Take care! Be on your guard against
all kinds of greed; for one's life does
not consist in the abundance of
possessions.’ 16Then he told them a
parable: ‘The land of a rich man
produced abundantly. 17And he
thought to himself, “What should I do,
for I have no place to store my crops?”
18Then he said, “I will do this: I will
pull down my barns and build larger
ones, and there I will store all my
grain and my goods. 19And I will say
to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample
goods laid up for many years; relax,
eat, drink, be merry.’” 20But God said
to him, “You fool! This very night your
life is being demanded of you. And
the things you have prepared, whose
will they be?” 21So it is with those
who store up treasures for themselves
but are not rich towards God.’

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-
fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the triune majesty.

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

**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. We remain seated to sing the hymn:

Refrain:

Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together

Bind us together in Love

1 There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing. ***Refrain***

2 Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Blood
Born with the right to be free
Jesus the victory has won. ***Refrain***

3 We are the family of God
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine. ***Refrain***

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life, ever giving
himself that the world may live: may we
so receive within ourselves the power of
his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his
glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

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.*

and then the Priest says:

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**.*

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
'What's On' this week

Monday 4 August

11am Baby Gospel **

Wednesday 6 August

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm *NO Tea and Cake. This event will return in September*

Thursday 7 August

11am Harmony Music Club **

Friday 8 August

1pm Lunchtime concert

7.30pm Vanity Fayre **

Saturday 9 August

9am - 1pm West End Woofs **

Sunday 10 August

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist, *for the Eighth Sunday after
Trinity*

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. Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

Please note that the church and grounds are closed from Monday 11 August until Friday 29 August inclusive.

Church will be open - in a marquee in the garden - only as follows:

Only the Bedford St. gate will be open, half an hour before the service:

Wednesday 13 August 1.10pm

Sunday 17 August 11am

Wednesday 20 August 1.10pm

Sunday 24 August 11am

Wednesday 27 August 1.10pm