



Welcome

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

27 July



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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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

**The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice;
from world to world the joy shall
ring,
‘The Lord omnipotent is King!’**

**2 The Lord is King! Who then shall
dare
resist his will, distrust his care,
or murmur at his wise decrees,
or doubt his royal promises?**

**3 He reigns! Ye saints, exalt your
strains;
your God is King, your Father reigns;
and he is at the Father’s side,
the man of love, the crucified.**

**4 Alike pervaded by his eye
all parts of his dominion lie:
this world of ours and worlds unseen,
and thin the boundary between.**

**5 One Lord one empire all secures;
he reigns, and life and death are
yours;
through earth and heaven one song
shall ring,
‘The Lord omnipotent is King!’**

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

Genesis 18.20-32, read by Noel

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre ²⁰and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

²²So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' ²⁶And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' ²⁷Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' ²⁹Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' ³⁰Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' ³¹Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' ³²Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.'

The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Colossians 2.6-15(16-19), read by James

Brothers and sisters, ⁶as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement

and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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.*

**When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3 See from his head, his hands, his
feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4 His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**5 Were the whole realm of nature
mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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 (11, 1-13)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

1He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3Give us each day our daily bread.

4And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone
indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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***

**Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**

**2 Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?**

**3 When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?**

**4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.**

**5 Men scorned thy sacred name,
and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.**

**6 O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O morning star,
arise, and never set!**

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**:*

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.
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**.*

Lord, teach us how to pray aright
with reverence and with fear;
though dust and ashes in thy sight,
we may, we must, draw near.

2 We perish if we cease from prayer:
O grant us power to pray;
and, when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.

3 God of all grace, we bring to thee
a broken, contrite heart;
give what thine eye delights to see,
truth in the inward part;

4 faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone,
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
on Christ, on Christ alone.

5 Patience to watch and wait and
weep,
though mercy long delay;
courage our fainting souls to keep,
and trust thee though thou slay.

6 Give these, and then thy will be
done;
thus, strengthened with all might,
we, through thy Spirit and thy Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Monday 28 July

10.00am Vauxhall City Farm

Tuesday 29 July

7.30pm Wind in the Willows **

Wednesday 30 July

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

7.30pm Wind in the Willows **

Thursday 31 July

7.30pm The Songs of Ashton Moore **

Friday 1 August

5pm Romeo and Juliet **

7pm Macbeth **

Saturday 2 August

5pm Romeo and Juliet **

7pm Macbeth **

Sunday 3 August

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist, for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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