



Welcome

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 10 August



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings

Accessibility

There are instructions to 'stand' at various points in the service.

If you are unable to stand for long periods, please ignore them!

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Hearing loop installed; collect a receiver from the back of church.

**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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall
rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed
Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All saints adore
thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore
shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the
darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy
glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none
beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God
Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed
Trinity.

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
invites the candidate and her parents and
Godparents to come forward and addresses
them saying:*

Priest: Faith is the gift of God to his
people. In baptism the Lord is
adding to our number those
whom he is calling.

People of God, will you
welcome *this child* and uphold
her in her new life in Christ?

**All With the help of God, we
will.**

Priest: Parents and godparents, the
Church receives *this child* with
joy. Today we are trusting
God for *her* growth in faith.
Will you pray for *her*, draw
her by your example into the
community of faith and walk
with *her* in the way of Christ?

**P & G With the help of God, we
will.**

Priest: In baptism *this child* begins her
journey in faith. You speak for
her today. Will you care for
her, and help *her* to take *her*
place within the life and
worship of Christ's Church?

**P & G With the help of God, we
will.**

Priest: In baptism God calls us to
new life. We die with Christ
to all that destroys, and rise
to live with him for ever.
Therefore I ask:

Priest Do you reject evil?

P & G I reject evil.

Priest And all its many forms?

P & G And all its many forms.

Priest And all its empty promises?

**P & G And all its empty
promises.**

Priest Do you turn to Christ?

P & G I turn to Christ.

Priest And put your trust in him?

P & G And put my trust in him.

Priest And promise to follow him for ever?

P & G And promise to follow him for ever.

Priest Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.

Priest: May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

*We sing the **Gloria**, which you will find on the separate music sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 15.1-6, read by Colin

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16, read by Andrea

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had

opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the
ancient of days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
thy justice like mountains high
soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.**

**3 To all life thou givest, to both great
and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on
the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught
changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father
of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us
to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
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
Luke (12, 23-40)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*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.**

After the Intercessions, we go to the Font, the Priest blesses the waters of Baptism and then says

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ. Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We
believe and trust in one
God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.**

Priest N, I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Receive this light. This is to
show that you have passed
from darkness to light

**All Shine as a light in the
world, to the glory of God
the Father.**

Priest: May God, who has received
you by baptism into his
Church, pour upon you the
riches of his grace, that
within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you
may daily be renewed by his
anointing Spirit, and come to
the inheritance of the saints
in glory.

All Amen.

Priest: Let us now pray for grace in
guiding *this child* in the way of
faith:

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for *this child* and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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***

**1. 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 kindness, 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 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 the **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**

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** 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.

Post Communion Prayers:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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.

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, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

What's On This Week

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul's*

Thursday 14 August

I Iam Baby Broadway **

** Tickets for all paid events can be obtained via

www.actorschurch.org

Please note that there will be NO further live streaming of Sunday Eucharist until 31 August.

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

This is to enable the underfloor heating and insulation of the church and is a major step on our road to net zero.

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