



Welcome

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

7 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

**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 and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**5 and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and
inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**6 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.**

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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are
always more ready to hear than we to
pray and to give more than either we
desire or deserve: pour down upon us the
abundance of your mercy, forgiving us
those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask but
through the merits and mediation of 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

Deuteronomy 30.15-20, read by Amanda

Moses said: "See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

"But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21, read by Rob

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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.*

**God be in my head,
and in my understanding;**

**2 God be in my eyes,
and in my looking;**

**3 God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking;**

**4 God be in my heart,
and in my thinking;**

**5 God be at my end,
and at my departing.**

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 (14.25-33)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

25Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
26‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” 31Or what king,

going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

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***

**O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for
thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.**

**4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.**

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

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

*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 remain seated to sing the **hymn***

I Strengthen for service, Lord, the
hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy
songs
to clamour never waken.

2 Lord, may the tongues which ‘holy’
sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be
bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.

3 The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy body fed
with thy new life replenish.

Post Communion Prayers:

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you
have set aside our sins and given us your
healing: grant that we who are made
whole in Christ may bring that healing to
this broken world, 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**.*

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.**

**5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.**

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Wednesday 10 September

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Friday 12 September

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 13 September

Church and grounds closed for a private event

Sunday 14 September

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s
for Holy Cross Day*

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