



Welcome

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

5 October



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth
flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's
destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.**

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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully to
hear the prayers of your people who call
upon you; and grant that they may both
perceive and know what things they ought
to do, and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4, read by Josephine

1The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?

3Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

4So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

3For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

4Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1.1-14, read by Max

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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.*

**Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.**

**2 O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.**

**3 The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.**

**4 O make but trial of his love:
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.**

**5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will
then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.**

**6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

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 <i>Luke</i> <i>17, 5-10</i>
All	Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"?

⁸Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

At the end:

Priest	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
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All	Praise to you, O Christ.
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*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***

To God be the glory! great things he
hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave
us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for
sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may
go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the
Son;
and give him the glory, great things he
hath done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the
purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of
God;
the vilest offender who truly
believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon
receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

3 Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will
be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus
we see!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

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 separate 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 separate 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***

**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:

Almighty God, you have taught us through
your Son that love is the fulfilling of the
law: grant that we may love you with our
whole heart and our neighbours as
ourselves; through 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**.*

**We have a Gospel to proclaim
Good News for all in all the earth;
The Gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.**

**2 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**3 Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the Cross
for all He loved, His life He gave.**

**4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and
hell
that we might share His victory.**

**5 Tell of His reign at God's right
hand,
by all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the lamb who died.**

**6 Now we rejoice to name Him king:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This Gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.**

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

All Thanks be to God.

'What's On' this week

Wednesday 8 October

9.30am School Eucharist

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 9 October

7.30pm Survivors' Manifesto 2025 **

Friday 10 October

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 4 October

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6pm & 8pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 12 October

HARVEST FESTIVAL

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

followed by Parish Lunch

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

Please note that there is – yet another – 'fun run' and there will be road closures in certain parts of Westminster.

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

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