



Welcome

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

19 October



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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.

We **stand** as the Altar Party enters and listen to the **hymn**:

Father of mercies, in thy word
what endless glory shines!
For ever be thy name adored
for these celestial lines.

2 Here may the blind and hungry
come,
and light and food receive;
here shall the lowliest guest have
room,
and taste and see and live.

3 Here springs of consolation rise
to cheer the fainting mind,
and thirsting souls receive supplies,
and sweet refreshment find.

4 Here the Redeemer's welcome
voice
spreads heavenly peace around,
and life and everlasting joys
attend the blissful sound.

5 O may these heavenly pages be
my ever dear delight,
and still new beauties may I see,
and still increasing light.

6 Divine instructor, gracious Lord,
be thou for ever near;
teach me to love thy sacred word,
and view my Saviour here.

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 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.** We sing the **Gloria from the
separate music sheet***

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in
us your gift of faith that, forsaking what
lies behind and reaching out to that which
is before, we may run the way of your
commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy; 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

Genesis 32.22-31, read by Jim

²²Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5I, read by Tony

Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn to face the Gospel book*

**Great shepherd of thy people, hear,
thy presence now display;
as thou hast given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.**

**2 Within these walls let holy peace
and love and concord dwell;
here give the troubled conscience
ease,
the wounded spirit heal.**

**3 May we in faith receive thy word,
in faith present our prayers,
and in the presence of our Lord
unbosom all our cares.**

**4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the contrite heart, bestow;
and shine upon us from on high,
that we in grace may grow.**

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Luke (18, 1-8)

All Glory to you, O Lord.
1 Jesus told his disciples a parable about
their need to pray always and not to lose
heart. 2 He said, 'In a certain city there was
a judge who neither feared God nor had
respect for people. 3 In that city there was
a widow who kept coming to him and
saying, "Grant me justice against my
opponent." 4 For a while he refused; but
later he said to himself, "Though I have no
fear of God and no respect for anyone,
5 yet because this widow keeps bothering
me, I will grant her justice, so that she may
not wear me out by continually coming."'
6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the
unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant
justice to his chosen ones who cry to him
day and night? Will he delay long in helping
them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant
justice to them. And yet, when the Son of
Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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 share a sign of peace. The Altar is prepared as we sing the Offertory **hymn**. You may give by cash or by contactless.*

**O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller, be.**

**2 O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.**

**3 O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.**

**4 O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red
life that shall endless be.**

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 friends 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***

Please stand (if able)

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** on
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**

The Priest invites us to say:

**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 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 step, or
bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.*

Post Communion Prayers

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for
this sacred feast: for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed, here our minds are filled with
grace, and here a pledge of future glory is
given, when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints 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.

Please stand

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen***

*We sing the **hymn** and face the West End for
the dismissal*

Hail to the Lord's anointed!

Great David's greater Son;

hail, in the time appointed,

his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,

to let the captive free;

to take away transgression,

and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succour speedy

to those who suffer wrong;

to help the poor and needy,

and bid the weak be strong;

to give them songs for sighing,

their darkness turn to light,

whose souls, condemned and dying,

were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers

upon the fruitful earth,

and love, joy, hope, like flowers,

spring in his path to birth:

before him on the mountains

shall peace the herald go;

and righteousness in fountains

from hill to valley flow.

**4 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**

**5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Tonight

7.30pm An evening of Joy **

Tuesday 21 October

5pm Tuesday@Actorschurch – *a new relaxed service for all*

Wednesday 22 October

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and cake – *all welcome*

7pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 23 October

7.30pm Eclectic Voices – Songs of Love and Laughter **

Friday 24 October

1pm Free Lunchtime Concert

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 25 October

6pm & 8pm Musicals by Candlelight **

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR
TONIGHT**

Sunday 26 October

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Last Sunday after Trinity