



Welcome

The last Sunday after Trinity

26 October



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

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

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his light
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**3 Ye saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.**

**4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

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.*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy
Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark,
learn and inwardly digest them that,
through patience, and the comfort of your
holy word, we may embrace and for ever
hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17, read by Alison

¹²Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.

¹³For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.

¹⁴Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; ¹⁵and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

¹⁶He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

¹⁷He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, read by Andrea

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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.*

**Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, etc.**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, etc.**

**4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, etc.**

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*
(18.9-14)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

9 Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." 13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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 God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**2 beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night
before the rising sun.**

**5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles
last,
and our eternal home.**

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.*

Post Communion Prayers:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed
the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom: renew your
people with your heavenly grace, and in all
our weakness sustain us by your true and
living bread; who is alive and reigns, now
and 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.
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, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon
us
Set us free by the truth you now
bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light**

**2 Lord, I come to your awesome
presence
From the shadows into your
radiance
By the blood I may enter your
brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness
Shine on me, shine on me**

Refrain

**3 As we gaze on your kingly
brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your
story
Shine on me, shine on me**

Refrain

Priest.	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Tuesday 28 October

5pm Tuesday@Actorschurch

(an informal service of prayer and bible study; all welcome)

Wednesday 29 October

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – all welcome

Thursday 30 October

11.00 Baby Gospel **

Friday 31 October

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 1 November

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6pm & 8pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 2 November

ALL SAINTS

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 9 November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.55am Sung Eucharist

Please note change of time: it is inappropriate to be late on this occasion.

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

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