



Welcome

Trinity Sunday

31 May



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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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 the 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
shall be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the
darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man 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 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**, which you will find on the
separate music sheet.*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have
given us your servants grace, by the
confession of a true faith, to acknowledge
the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the
power of the divine majesty to worship
the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from
all adversities; 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

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31, read by Tom

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? ¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? ¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. ¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. ¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13.11-13, read by Carol

¹¹Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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*

**O King enthroned on high,
Thou comforter divine,
Blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh
And make us thine.**

**2. Thou art the source of life
Thou art our treasure-store;
Give us thy peace, and end our strife
For evermore.**

**3. Descend, O heavenly dove,
Abide with us always;
And in the fulness of thy love
Cleanse us, we pray.**

All remain standing (if able) 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
Matthew (28.16-20)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I
have commanded you. And remember, I am
with you always, to the end of the age.'

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***

**How shall I sing that Majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand
around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand
sound
Thy praise; but who am I?**

**2. Thy brightness unto them
appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their
gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
 inflame it with love's fire;
 then shall I sing and bear a part
 with that celestial choir.
 They sing because thou art their Sun;
 Lord, send a beam on me;
 for where heaven is but once begun
 there alleluias be.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
 which doth all beings keep!
 Thy knowledge is the only line
 to sound so vast a deep.
 thou art a sea without a shore,
 a sun without a sphere;
 thy time is now and evermore,
 thy place is everywhere.

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. After Communion we remain seated to sing the hymn

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Set your minds on things eternal,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descended,
Come our homage to command.**

**2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
Once upon the earth he stood;
Lord of lords we now perceive him
In the body and the blood.
He has given to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**3. Rank on rank, the host of heaven
Stream before him on the way,
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes, the powers of hell to
vanquish,
Clears the gloom of hell away.**

**4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to his presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

Post Communion Prayers:

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, 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.

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***

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.**

**2. And I trust and hope most fully
In that manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly
Do to death, as He has died.**

**3. Simply to His grace and wholly
Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, Him the strong.**

**4. And I hold in veneration,
For the love of Him alone,
Holy Church as His creation,
And her teachings as His own.**

**5. Adoration aye be given,
With and through the angelic host,
To the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

12.15pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Please join us after the service for this meeting.

Tuesday 2 June

5.30pm Tuesdays@Actors’Church

Wednesday 3 June

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – all welcome

Saturday 6 June

I I am Makers’ Market

Sunday 7 June

I I am Sung Eucharist *for the First Sunday after Trinity*

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