



Welcome

The First Sunday after Trinity

7 June



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

New ev'ry morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely
brought,
Restored to life and pow'r and
thought.

2. New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiv'n,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of
heav'n.

3. If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still of countless
price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

4. Old friends, old scenes will lovelier
be,
As more of heav'n in each we see;
Some sof'ning gleam of love and
prayer
Shall dawn on ev'ry cross and care.

5. The trivial round, the common
task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

6. Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and ev'ry day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

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 God, the strength of all those who put
their trust in you, mercifully accept our
prayers and, because through the
weakness of our mortal nature we can do
no good thing without you, grant us the
help of your grace, that in the keeping of
your commandments we may please you
both in will and deed; 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

Hosea 5.15–6.6, read by Gary

¹⁵ Then I will return to my lair
until they have borne their guilt
and seek my face -

in their misery
they will earnestly seek me.”

¹ “Come, let us return to the Lord.

He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.

³ Let us acknowledge the Lord;
let us press on to acknowledge him.

As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the
earth.”

⁴ “What can I do with you, Ephraim?
What can I do with you, Judah?

Your love is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.

⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my
prophets,

I killed you with the words of my
mouth -
then my judgments go forth like the
sun.

⁶ For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather
than burnt offerings.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4.13-25, read by Andrea

¹³The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ²³Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him,’ were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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.*

**The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
And God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM,
By earth and heaven confest;
We bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.**

**2. The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command,
From earth we rise, and seek the
joys,
At his right hand:
We all on earth forsake,
It's wisdom, fame, and power;
And him our only portion make,
Our shield and tower.**

**3. The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.**

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
Matthew (9.9-13,18-26)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and

were sitting with him and his disciples.

¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well.

²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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***

**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,
Exalt his holy 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;
Deliv'rance he affords to all
Who in his promise trust.**

**4. O taste and see that he is good;
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they
Who in the LORD confide.**

**5. Fear him, you saints, and you will
then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make serving him your sole delight,
Your wants shall be his care.**

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
Priest

Blessed be God for ever.
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**

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

The Priest will invite you to the Altar, using these or other suitable words

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.

To which we all reply

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

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be;
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the Path for me.

2. I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might:
Choose thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.

3. The Kingdom that I seek
Is thine; so let the way
That leads to it be thine,
Else I must surely stray.

**4. Not mine, not mine, the choice
In things or great or small;
Be thou my guide, my strength,
My wisdom, and my all.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Eternal Father, we thank you for
nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith, build us up in hope, and make us
grow in love; for the sake 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**.*

**For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2. Lead us forward into freedom,
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and
hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care
and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**3. All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.**

**4. You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.**

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

‘What’s On’ this week

Monday 8 June

10am Community Art Club

Wednesday 10 June

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 11 June

10am Kilo Sale

Friday 12 June

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Saturday 13 June

1pm Afternoon Tea In The Garden *in aid of Breast Cancer Now*

7.30pm Concerto 2026**

Sunday 14 June

11am Parish Sung Eucharist *for the Second Sunday after Trinity*

4pm Choral Evensong *with the Choir of St. Paul’s*

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