



Welcome

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

5 July



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Lift up your heads, you mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here!
Salvation, life he comes to bring;
Prepare your hearts, rejoice and sing.**

**2. The Lord is just, a helper tried:
Mercy is ever at his side,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His sceptre, pity in distress;
The end of all our woe he brings,
And all the earth is glad and sings.**

**3. Redeemer, come! we open wide
Our hearts to you; here, Lord, abide;
Your inner presence let us feel,
Your grace and love in us reveal;
Your Holy Spirit guide us on
Until the glorious goal is won.**

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.*

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people, that in their vocation
and ministry they may serve you in
holiness and truth to the glory of your
name; through our Lord and 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

Zechariah 9.9-12, read by Noel

⁹Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your
king comes to you, righteous and having
salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will take
away the chariots from Ephraim and the
war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle

bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Romans 7.15-25, read by Gary

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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.*

**Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2. Be still, my soul! your God does undertake
To guide the future as he has the past;
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.**

**3. Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.**

**4. Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶‘To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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**

**From heaven you came, helpless
babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve
And give your life that we might live.**

Refrain

**This is our God, the Servant King;
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

**2. There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will, but yours,' he said.**

Refrain

**3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.**

Refrain

**4. So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

Refrain

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**

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*

Post Communion Prayers:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in
all godly quietness; 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.

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, for the years your love has
kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on
our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned
and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our
thanks today.**

**2. Lord, for that word, the word of
life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our
souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and
inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your
people's praise.**

**3. Lord, for our land in this our
generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth
and care:
For young and old, for
commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear
our prayer.**

**4. Lord, for our world when we
disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless
in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.**

**5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power
remake us —
Self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne,
Past put behind us, for the future
take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.**

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

6.30pm Close Encounters Summer Concert

Wednesday 8 July

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – all welcome

Thursday 9 July

7pm Twelfth Night**

Friday 10 July

1pm Southend Girls’ Choir in Concert

6pm North Kingstown High School Chamber Choir and Orchestra

Saturday 11 July

10am Makers Market

Sunday 12 July

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

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

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