



Welcome

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

19 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

**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day**

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.
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19, read by Gary

¹³There is not any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

¹⁶For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your

power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Romans 8.12-25, read by Jim

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh -

¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until

now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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.*

**As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength, my shield**

**To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

**2 As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength, my shield**

**To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

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 (13.24-30,36-43)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

24Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" 29But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

36Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' 37He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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***

**Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**2 He came down to earth from
heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**3 And through all his wondrous
childhood**

**he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.**

**4 For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,**

**tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.**

**5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

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. Blessed be
 God for ever.

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 **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.

*We remain seated to sing the **Hymn***

Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone
May my will forever be
Ever more Your own
Never let my heart grow cold
Never let me go
Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone

Repeat

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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**.*

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

**2 And when I think that God, his Son
not sparing,
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul...**

**3 When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, ‘my God, how great thou art!’
Then sings my soul...**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Monday 20 July

10am Community Art Club

4pm Play reading group – *free admission*

Tuesday 21 July

7.30pm The Importance of Being Earnest **

Wednesday 22 July

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

7.30pm The Importance of Being Earnest **

Thursday 23 July

1pm Lunchtime Concert

7.30pm The Real Lady Macbeth**

Friday 24 July

1pm Lunchtime Concert

3.30pm Funeral of the late Enyd Williams RIP

Saturday 25 July

11.00am The West End Flea Market

6pm & 8pm City Music Foundation by Candlelight**

Sunday 19 July

11am Parish Sung Eucharist, for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

7.30pm Why Should we care Concert**

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