



Welcome

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

26 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

**Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**2 He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**

**3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**

**4 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.**

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 Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments; that through your
most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

1 Kings 3.5-12, read by Andrea

5At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

10It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Romans 8.26-39, read by Mark

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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.*

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most,
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.**

**2 Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.**

**3 Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more
bright;
therefore give us love.**

**4 Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.**

**5 From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly, love.**

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 (13.31-33,44-52)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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*

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

**Bring forth the royal diadem,
 and crown him Lord of all.**

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 and crown him Lord of all!**

**2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
 now ransomed from the fall,
 hail him who saves you by his grace,
 and crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace,
 and crown him Lord of all!**

**3 Let every tongue and every tribe
 responsive to his call,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.
 To him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!**

**4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.**

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***

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the
hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken.**

**2 Lord, may the tongues which ‘holy’
sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**3 The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy body fed
with thy new life replenish.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the
tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit; may the eyes which
have seen the tokens of your love shine
with the light of hope; and may the bodies
which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 if you wish to,
process to the garden for the burial of
the ashes of Chris Crickmore.***

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my
heart,
be all else but naught to me, save
that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day
and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy
presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my
true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with
thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy
true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with
thee one.**

**3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword
for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou
my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou
my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great
Power of my power.**

**4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty
praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and
always;
be thou and thou only the first in my
heart:
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure
thou art.**

**5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's
bright sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is
won;
great heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Tonight

7.30pm Why should we care? A new Musical**

Monday 27 July

10am Community Art Club

Tuesday 28 July

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6pm Tuesday@actorschurch

Wednesday 29 July

11am The tale of Peter Rabbit **

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

2.30pm The tale of Peter Rabbit**

7.30pm Treasure Island**

Thursday 30 July

2.30pm & 6.30pm The Big Bad Wolf**

Friday 31 July

11am & 2.30pm The Big Bad Wolf**

Saturday 25 July

10.00am Makers’ Market

Sunday 26 July

11am Parish Sung Eucharist, *for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

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