



# Welcome

## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

16 August



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**St. Paul's Covent Garden**

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We **stand** as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to  
shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no  
more.

2 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where'er he  
reigns;  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

4 Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long amen.

*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 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, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of  
your grace, that we, running the way of  
your commandments, may receive your  
gracious promises, and be made partakers  
of your heavenly treasure; 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 56.1,6-8, read by Andrea*

I Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

6And the foreigners who join themselves  
to the LORD, to minister to him, to love  
the name of the LORD, and to be his  
servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do  
not profane it, and hold fast my covenant  
– 7these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of  
prayer; their burnt-offerings and their  
sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of  
prayer for all peoples.

8Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers  
the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others  
to them besides those already gathered.

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

## Second Reading

*Romans 11.1-2a,29-32, read by Layla*

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people?  
By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a  
descendant of Abraham, a member of the  
tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected  
his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the  
gifts and the calling of God are  
irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once  
disobedient to God but have now  
received mercy because of their  
disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been  
disobedient in order that, by the mercy  
shown to you, they too may now receive  
mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in  
disobedience so that he may be merciful  
to all.

*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.*

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly:**

**the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

**2. Let all the world in every corner  
sing,  
my God and King!**

**the Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all the heart  
must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

*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 (15.(10-20)21-28)

**All            Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus called the crowd to him and  
said to them, 'Listen and understand: I I it  
is not what goes into the mouth that  
defiles a person, but it is what comes out  
of the mouth that defiles.' <sup>12</sup>Then the  
disciples approached and said to him, 'Do  
you know that the Pharisees took offence  
when they heard what you said?' <sup>13</sup>He  
answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly  
Father has not planted will be uprooted.  
<sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of  
the blind. And if one blind person guides  
another, both will fall into a pit.' <sup>15</sup>But  
Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to  
us.' <sup>16</sup>Then he said, 'Are you also still

without understanding? 17Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? 18But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

21Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

*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***

**Immortal Love for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea!**

**2 Our outward lips confess the name  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came  
and comprehendeth love.**

**3 We may not climb the heavenly  
steeps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
for him no depths can drown:**

**4 But warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
a present help is he;  
and faith has still its Olivet,  
and love its Galilee.**

**5 Alone, O Love ineffable,  
thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heaven.**

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.*

*After Communion we remain seated to sing the  
**hymn***

**Come down, O love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour  
glowing;  
O comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame  
bestowing.**

**2. O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat  
consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my  
path illuming.**

**3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner  
clothing:  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps  
with loathing.**

**4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human  
telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his  
dwelling.**

*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.*

*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**.*

**It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come  
from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.**

**2 And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled and mourned  
and died  
for love of those who loved him not.**

**3 I cannot tell how he could love,  
a child so weak and full of sin;  
his love must be most wonderful,  
if he could die my love to win.**

**4 But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.**

**5 It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.**

**6 And yet I want to love thee, Lord!  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.**

Priest            Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

**All                Thanks be to God.**

# **‘What’s On’ this week**

## **Today**

2.30pm Kaspar, Prince of cats \*\*

6pm Around the world in 80 days \*\*

## **Monday 17 August**

10am Community Art Group

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

## **Tuesday 18 August**

11am Kaspar, Prince of Cats \*\*

2.30pm Around the world in 80 days \*\*

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

## **Wednesday 19 August**

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

4.30pm Kaspar, Prince of Cats \*\*

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

## **Thursday 20 August**

*Please note that the church and grounds are closed for a private event today.*

## **Friday 21 August**

11am Kaspar, Prince of cats \*\*

2.30pm Around the world in 80 days \*\*

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

## **Saturday 22 August**

2.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

## **Sunday 22 June**

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

2.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

6pm Around the world in 80 days \*\*

*\*\*Tickets for all paid events at St. Paul’s can be obtained via our website*

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