



# Welcome

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

23 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*

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
and the precious corner-stone,  
who, the two walls underlying,  
bound in each, binds both in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.**

**2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the one, in threefold glory,  
singing everlastingly.**

**3 To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls for ay.**

**4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
here to have and hold for ever,  
those good things their prayers obtain,  
and hereafter, in thy glory,  
with thy blessed ones to reign.**

**5 Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one,  
one in love, and one in splendour,  
while unending ages run. 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 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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51.1-6, read by Mark*

1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

3 For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4 Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. 5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

*At the end:*

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

### **Second Reading**

*Romans 12.1-8, read by Tennessee*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*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.*

**Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**2 Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**3 Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for 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 (16, 13-20)

**All      Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

<sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*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***

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy Church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."  
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;**

**thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**3 We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;  
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy Church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

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***

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have come to us,  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son;  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ,  
Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
Into our lives your power breaks  
through,  
Living Lord.**

**3 Lord Jesus Christ,  
Find more lyrics at  
You have come to us,  
Born as one of us,  
Mary's Son;  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord.**

**4 Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks  
through,  
Living Lord.**

*Post Communion Prayers:*

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name 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**.*

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.**

**2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**3 Preserve me from my calling's  
snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.**

**4 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance  
see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.**

**5 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;**

**6 For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath  
given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **‘What’s On’ this week**

### **Today**

2.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

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

### **Monday 24 August**

*Please note that the church office is closed this week*

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

### **Tuesday 25 August**

1 I am Kaspar, Prince of Cats \*\*

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

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

### **Wednesday 26 August**

#### **1.10pm Holy Eucharist**

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

2pm Summer Theatre Workshops: Thomas F Arnold - Composing

4.30pm Kaspar, Prince of Cats \*\*

7.30pm Around the world in 80 days \*\*

### **Thursday 27 August**

1pm Summer Theatre Workshops: Tara Noonan - Directing

2.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

7.30pm Around the world in 80 days \*\*

### **Friday 28 August**

1 I am Kaspar, Prince of cats \*\*

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

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

### **Saturday 29 August**

1 I am Kaspar, Prince of cats \*\*

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

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

### **Sunday 30 August**

**1 I am Parish Sung Eucharist**, *for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

6pm Jeeves and Wooster \*\*

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