



Welcome

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

30 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

**He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**2 Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.**

**3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

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**.*

Almighty God, who called your Church to
bear witness that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself: help us to
proclaim the good news of your love, that all
who hear it may be drawn to you; through
him who was lifted up on the cross, 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

Jeremiah 15.15-21, read by Jim

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Romans 12.9-21, read by Rob

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.*

**He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead
and he is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Repeat**

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, 21-28)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'

²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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**

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**2 Take up thy cross! Let not its
weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine
arm.**

**3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the
shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**4 Take up thy cross then in his
strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**5 Take up thy cross, and follow
Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious
crown.**

**6 To thee, great Lord, the one in
three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.**

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.

**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:

God our creator, you feed your children
with the true manna, the living bread from
heaven: let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage until we
come to that place where hunger and
thirst are no more; 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.
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 worship the King all glorious
above;
O gratefully sing his power and his
love;
our shield and defender, the ancient
of days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded
with praise.

2 O tell of his might, **O** sing of his
grace,
whose robe is the light, whose
canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep
thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of
the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders
untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of
old;
hath 'stablished it fast by a
changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle,
the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends
to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the
rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as
frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to
fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to
the end!
Our maker, defender, Redeemer,
and friend.

6 O measureless might, ineffable
love,
while angels delight to hymn thee
above,
thy ransomed creation, though
feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

2.30pm Around the world in 80 days **

6pm Jeeves and Wooster **

Monday 31 August

2.30pm & 7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster **

Tuesday 1 September

Please note that technical work is happening in church today and access may be restricted

Wednesday 2 September

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

6pm Summer Theatre Workshops: Gabriella Sills - Producing

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster **

Thursday 3 September

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster **

Friday 4 September

7.30pm Jeeves and Wooster **

Saturday 5 September

10 am Makers’ Market

Sunday 6 September

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

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