



Welcome

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

6 September



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings.*

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

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

**Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!”**

**2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.**

**3 Lo, the lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from
heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;**

**4 that when next he comes with
glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.**

**5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.**

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.*

Almighty God, whose only Son has
opened for us a new and living way into
your presence: give us pure hearts and
steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and
in truth; 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

Ezekiel 33.7-11, read by Jennifer

The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Second Reading

Romans 13.8-14, read by Andrea

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.*

**Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.**

**2 Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awful is his name.**

**3 Watch! 'Tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.**

**4 O happy servant he
in such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.**

**5 Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.**

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 (18.15-20)

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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***

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**2 In simple trust like theirs who
heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

**4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and
stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**5 Breathe through the heats of our
desires
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake wind
and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

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.*

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer and the
breaking of bread, and one in joy and
simplicity of heart, in 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.***

*During the final hymn, we will process to the
garden, where Sally Goody's ashes will be
interred, near those of her daughter Fritha. You
are welcome to join the procession or stay in
church for refreshments as usual.*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.**

**Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,**

who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

**2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Priest	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Monday 7 September

10.00 Art Group

Tuesday 8 September

2pm Memorial Service for the late Jenny Lipman RIP

6pm Tuesday@actorschurch

Wednesday 9 September

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 10 September

Please note that the church is closed for a set up this afternoon

Friday 11 September

10.00 Kilo Sale

Saturday 12 September

10.00 Kilo Sale

Sunday 13 September

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

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s*

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