

Sunday 9 June 2024
The Second Sunday after Trinity

If you have difficulty in standing please feel free to sit during any part of the service.

The priest welcomes the congregation and a time of silence follows for prayer.

When the organ starts the hymn, please stand to sing:

All hail the power of Jesu's name ;
let angels prostrate fall ;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball ;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call ;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1726–1792) and others
The last lines of each verse repeat 'crown him' to match verse 1.
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In the name of the Father; and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

In a short time of quiet we call to mind our sins, then say together:

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen**

The priest says the prayer of absolution.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We remain standing to sing The Gloria:

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.
Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.
Lord, Jesus Christ,
only son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.
For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.**

Remain standing for The Collect, which is introduced by the words 'Let us pray'.

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead
before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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 readings:

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 3.8-15

The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

For the word of the Lord
thanks be to God

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Stand to sing the Gradual Hymn:

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat ;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind ;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew ;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near ;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear :
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own !

William Cowper (1731–1800) Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern*
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Turn to face where the Gospel is read in the centre of the church.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness but will have the light of life.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 3.20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit after the short prayer.

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 from 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**

Please sit or kneel for prayers of intercession.

During the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Please stand for the Peace.

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

No collection is taken during this service.

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We sing the Offertory Hymn.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise :
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God !
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love ! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail ;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love ! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo ;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise :
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801–1890) Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 763

Please remain standing.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, during which this response is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all sing **Amen**

Sit or kneel for The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The president gives the invitation to Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you normally receive Communion in any Church you are welcome to receive at this service; come forward to the altar rail now. If you do not receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Carry this booklet, or bow your head, to indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

During the distribution the Agnus Dei is sung and the choir sings the anthem: Day by day How

When everybody has received Communion please keep a moment of silence before the post communion prayers:

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper
of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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**

The notices are given.

We stand to sing the final hymn:

O Jesus, King most wonderful ;
thou conqueror renowned,
thou sweetness most ineffable,
in whom all joys are found !

When once thou visitest the heart,
then truth begins to shine,
then earthly vanities depart,
then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below !
Thou fount of living fire,
surpassing all the joys we know,
and all we can desire :

Jesus, may all confess thy name,
thy wondrous love adore ;
and, seeking thee, themselves inflame
to seek thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
thee may we love alone,
and ever in our lives express
the image of thine own.

Abide with us, and let thy light
shine, Lord, on every heart ;
dispel the darkness of our night,
and joy to all impart.

Jesus, our love and joy, to thee,
the Father's only Son,
all might, and praise, and glory be,
while endless ages run.

Edward Caswall (1814–1878) *Jesu, Rex admirabilis*, (Latin, c. 12th century) Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words* Edition, number 749

We remain standing for the Blessing.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in E flat Johnson

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Feel free to take this service sheet away with you
but please recycle it when no longer needed.*