

Sunday 1 August 2021

Ninth 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:

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice. *Alleluia.*

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. *Alleluia.*

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true. *Alleluia.*

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then. *Alleluia.*

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim. *Alleluia.*

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light. *Alleluia.*

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one. *Alleluia.*

George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)*

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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 say 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.**

*We remain standing for the Collect,
which is introduced with the words 'Let us pray'.*

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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**

Sit for the readings.

A reading from the book of Exodus

[Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15]

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

[Ephesians 4.1-16]

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778)*
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Please stand and turn to face where the Gospel is read in the centre of the church.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[John 6.24-35]

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit after the short prayer

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**

We sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And 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.

*Please greet one another from where you are without making
physical contact.*

We sing the Offertory Hymn. No collection is taken during this service. Please leave your donation by the door or online.

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind ;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve :
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down ;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)

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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.

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 we sing in response: **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

The president breaks the consecrated 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 receive the bread in front of the altar.

We receive Communion standing up and without the usual words which accompany the giving of Communion.

During Communion the choir sings the Agnus Dei and the anthem: Tantum ergo de Séverac

Prayer after Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace,
gather people of every race and language to share
in the eternal banquet of 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.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God ;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose ?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage :
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age ?

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day ;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show ;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725–1807)*

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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: Fanfare Leighton

*Please stay for tea or coffee which is served
in the Church Hall and then taken outside.*