



St Paul's, Clapham

**11 October 2020
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**



**Welcome to St Paul's for
A Service of Holy Communion by Extension**

This kind of service is authorised by the Church of England to be used when no priest is available to preside at Holy Communion. Our Curate, **The Revd David Povall** will be preaching and presiding. The crèche at the back of church can be used for younger children for quiet play by maximum two households at a time. Thank you.

This Week

Tonight	6.00pm	Said Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Monday - Thursday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	7.00pm	'Growing in Faith' Zoom led by Fr Jonathan
Wednesday	10.00am	Meditation
	7.00pm	Evening Prayers Online

**Next Sunday
18 October**

9.00am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Said Eucharist with music
6.00pm	Said Eucharist

Prelude Siciliene & Fugue: From Organ Sonate II
(Paul Hindemith)

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers of Penitence *Please sit or kneel.*

**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.**

Prayer for Absolution

Gloria in Excelsis (Said) *Please stand.*

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.**

Please sit.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
Isaiah 25.1-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm (solo) We cannot measure how you heal

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand.*

Alleluia, alleluia. '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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Matthew 22.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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.

Prayers of Intercession *Please sit or kneel.*

This week we will pray for

The sick Claire Bench, Sylvia Phillips, Clare Palmer, Josh Collins, Sara Booth, Tessa Henderson, Val Spicer, Steve Kupfer & Euan Kennedy

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

The Peace *Please stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please sit.

Solo What wondrous love is this?

Preparations for the Distribution of Holy Communion

The Reserved Sacrament is brought to the altar from the Lady Chapel.

*From the Lectern the President reads from St Luke's Gospel
Luke 24.30-34*

**Blessed are you,
God of those who hunger and thirst,
for you give us our food in due season.
You nourish us with your word,
which is the bread of life.
You strengthen us with your Spirit,
the new wine of your Kingdom.
In Christ you are food for the hungry,
refreshment for the weary.
Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer,
Blessed are you forever.**

The Lord's Prayer *Please sit or kneel.*

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Giving of Communion

*The President explains the distribution of Holy Communion,
ending:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

Partaking of the bread

Music **Priere de notre dame** (Leon Boellman)

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand.*

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion
is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a
pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that
table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Notices & Sunday School

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Praeludium G major (JS Bach BWX 658)

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