

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MOSCOW

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7th JUNE, 2026



At the start of our service this morning, please join the choir in singing: Let your living water flow.

**Let your living water flow over my soul.
Let your Holy Spirit come and take control
of ev'ry situation that has troubled my mind.
All my cares and burdens on to you, I roll.
*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus***

**Come now, Holy Spirit, and take control.
Hold me in your loving arms and make me whole.
Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride.
Draw me to your love and keep me by your side
*Father, Father, Father***

**Give your life to Jesus, let him fill your soul.
Let him take you in his arms and make you whole.
As you give your life to him, he'll set you free.
You will live and reign with him eternally
*Spirit, Spirit, Spirit***

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CALL TO WORSHIP

There are three that testify in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. *(1 John 5:7)*

Opening Hymn: Immortal love, for ever full

**Immortal love, for ever full,
for ever flowing free;
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.**

**Our outward lips confess the name
all oth-er names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.**

**O warm, sweet, tender, even yet,
a pre-sent help is he;
and faith still has its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.**

**Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are bur-dened with his name.**

**Alone, O love ineffable,
thy saving name is giv'n;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heav'n.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to see the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *(cf Ephesians 4: 30, 32)*

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(All Stand)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly 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.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray the Collect together:

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (*All Sit*)

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 50:7-15

⁷ 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹² 'If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.

¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.'

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading – Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ²³ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Give thanks for those whose faith is firm

**Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God’s good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak –
the strong who once were weak!**

**Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer towards that light,
a beacon ever bright.**

**Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling, precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own –
his love through them is known.**

**Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today;
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized –
give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.'

²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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Thanks be to God.

HOMILY/REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED *(All 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 (*All sit or kneel*)

This response is used:

We come to your love: **heal us and raise us up.**

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.**

THE PEACE (*All Stand*)

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. *(cf Galatians 3:28)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: When God Almighty came to earth
**When God Almighty came to earth,
he took the pain of Jesus' birth,
he took the flight of refugee,
and whispered: 'Humbly follow me.'**

**When God Almighty went to work,
carpenter's sweat he did not shirk,
profit and loss he did not flee,
but whispered: 'Humbly follow me.'**

**When God Almighty walked the street,
the critic's curse he had to meet,
the cynic's smile he had to see,
and whispered: 'Humbly follow me.'**

**When God Almighty met the folk,
of peace and truth he gladly spoke
to set the slave and tyrant free,
and whispered: 'Humbly follow me.'**

**When God Almighty took his place
to save the fallen, human race,
he took it boldly on a tree,
and whispered: 'Humbly follow me.'**

**When God Almighty comes again,
he'll meet us incognito as then;
and though no words may voice his plea,
he'll whisper: 'Are you following me?'**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVED HOST

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, resting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh

of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

We invite you to receive the bread which has been duly consecrated by Archdeacon Leslie and is now being used as the reserved sacrament.

Hymn during Communion: O thou, who at the Eucharist didst pray

**O thou, who at the Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at ev'ry eucharist to say,
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wand'rers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We say together:

Jesus, no words can express our gratitude and amazement that you should die for us. How amazing is it that each of our lives is so valuable to you that you would lay yours down to reach us. May the presence of you through this reserved sacrament remain with us as we seek to take your message of love and grace into the world. Amen.

NOTICES

Closing Hymn: Will you come and follow me

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean
and do all of this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the ‘you’ you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.**

CLOSING PRAYERS

Let us say together:

May Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make us one in praise and love, and raise us up at the last day; and may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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