

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MOSCOW

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

21st JUNE, 2026



At the start of our service this morning, please join the choir in singing: Kum ba yah

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah x 3
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah x 3
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah x 3
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah x 3
O Lord, kum ba yah.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 2:5)

Opening Hymn: Lift high the Cross

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**Come, Christians, follow, where our Saviour trod,
o'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in joyful praise combine:**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing harmony their song of praise:**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of him who saves from fear of death and hell:**

**For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

**So let the world proclaim with one accord
the praises of our ever-living Lord.**

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

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.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through 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:

**Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *(All Sit)*

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' ¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:8-20

⁸ For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.
⁹ I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
¹⁰ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
¹¹ I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.
¹² I put on sackcloth also and became a byword among them.
¹³ Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
¹⁴ But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord;
at an acceptable time, O God.
¹⁵ Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy
and with your sure salvation.
¹⁶ Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not;

let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

¹⁷ Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swallow me up;
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁸ Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good;
turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.

¹⁹ Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.

²⁰ Draw near to my soul and redeem me; deliver me because of my enemies.

**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 6.1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: The Lord is risen indeed

**The Lord is ris'n indeed;
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.**

**The Lord is ris'n indeed:
then hell has lost his prey;
with him is ris'n the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.**

**The Lord is ris'n indeed:
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.**

**The Lord is ris'n indeed:
attending angels, hear!
up to the courts of heav'n with speed
the joyful tidings bear.**

**Then take your golden lyres
and strike each cheerful chord;
join, all ye bright celestial choirs,
to sing our risen Lord.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 10: 24-39

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the word of the Lord.

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:

God in your love and mercy: **hear us and help us.**

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: Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross - let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly ev'ry danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heav'nly life that knows no end.**

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, trusting 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: Bread of the world in mercy broken

**Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed,
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We say together:

**Jesus, no words can express our gratitude and amazement
that you should die for us.**

**How amazing it is 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: Lord of the Dance

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John -
they came with me and the dance went on.**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people, they said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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