



Worshipping, caring, loving, sharing: inviting all



Eucharist for Trinity 14 13th September 2020

10 am at Christ the King, & on YouTube
<http://holytrinity-stevenage.org.uk/live>

Also today: Telephone Service 7 pm 0330 336 0036 – ask for pin

Today we remember the crossing of the Red Sea, and baptism (in the morning), and God's beautiful creation (in the evening). **Whether you join us in person, by phone, or online – WELCOME!**

To book a place in church, please ring the church office (01438 725500) before Saturday. Leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of persons who would like to attend.

In church we must keep 2 metres distance, and stay in our places as much as possible. For a brief moment giving Communion (or a blessing), we will keep 1+ metre with a face covering. Children please sit with your families and come with appropriate (non-noisy) toys or activities.

We'll give suggestions for posture, but feel free to stand, sit or kneel as you are able and find helpful. Take this leaflet away after the service.

Holy Communion will also be distributed in a very short service in the open air in Holy Trinity churchyard following next week's service.

All baptised Christians who take communion in their own churches are welcome to receive it here (in one kind only, gluten-free available), or to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion. The ministers will come to you.

We need financial support so that we can pay our bills and continue in mission and ministry. You can give by card on Sunday, by standing order, or online (<https://www.justgiving.com/holytrinity-stevenage>)

We're asked to pray for: Brendan, Pip Day, Louie, Margaret, Helen, Larry, Margaret, Barbara, Jennie, Colin, Janet, Lis, John & Beverley, Rebecca, Phillip, Michelle, Suzanne; also Susan, Malcolm, Sue Sandry, Sandy, Tony Hearn, Joan, Jean Archer, Agnes, Mary, Rebecca, Sam & Evelyn Louise, Robin Staff, Bella; those who have died; and at their years' mind: Geoffrey Haines (14th) and Margery Heskins (18th).

THIS WEEK

Holy Trinity is open for private prayer
Sunday 13th September from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Mon-Thurs Morning Prayer 8.15 am on Zoom and by phone Meeting ID 863 4243 7872 – ask for passcode (or ring 0203 481 5240 Meeting ID 863 4243 7872 – ask for passcode)

Wed midweek service 7.30 pm via YouTube & Facebook

Sat coffee morning 10 am on Zoom and by phone. Meeting ID 818 1306 6688 – ask for passcode (or ring 0203 481 5237 Meeting ID 818 1306 6688 – ask for passcode)

Sun 20 Sep (15th after Trinity)
Eucharist 10 am (Holy Trinity & online)
Telephone Service 7 pm
0330 336 0036 – ask for pin

OTHER NOTICES

To book a place for the Sunday service, ring 01438 725500 and leave your name and contact number before Saturday.

Sunday evening services by telephone in September: We celebrate **creation**, following ecumenical creation-tide material. At 7 pm ring 0330 336 0036 (local rate number, usually free), enter pin (ask us) and say your name (and your church) when prompted. The service will start at 7.05 pm.

#SingOutSeptember For those who miss singing, we're sharing a song a day on Facebook and weekly playlists on YouTube. What's your favourite?

Telephone Social: Back by popular demand from Thursday September 17th from 7 pm to 7.30 pm. To join, ring 0330 336 0036 (local rate number, usually free), enter pin (ask us) and your name when prompted. No agenda, no formality, just chance to chat and listen.

We will not be online Sunday 27th unless we can find someone willing to learn and help us with smartphone etc.

The Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the APCM on October 18th. If you are resident in the parish, or are a regular worshipper, and would like to be included in the electoral roll please contact a member of the ministry team or a churchwarden for a form.

Bike 'n' Hike: It's not too late to sponsor someone for Bike 'n' Hike. Andy has done Bike 'n' Hike this year, and if anyone would like to sponsor they can do so online <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andy-thomas93> or by the form at the back of church. Monies raised from Bike 'n' Hike are split 50/50 between the church and the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Food donations for the Haven and the Community Food Bank: Please leave tea, coffee, sugar, cereal, tinned meat meals, tinned veg, UHT milk by garage door at 359 Lonsdale Road.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun October 4th **Harvest** will be online and at Christ the King

Sun October 18th **APCM** (churchwide annual meeting) online and at Christ the King

Eucharist for Trinity 14

The ministers enter. (We stay seated.)

The president greets the people.

We stand and say Gloria in excelsis.

**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 president prays the collect prayer.

Bible reading: Exodus 14: 19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35 –We stand.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to *Matthew*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?'

As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in his anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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

We listen to the sermon (with congregation participation!)

We are invited to join in baptismal vows.

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May almighty God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the way.

We affirm our faith with 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 are led, sitting, in prayers for the
Church and the world.*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

*We are invited to open our hands as a
gesture of: The financial support we
give this parish, our gifts of time, our
giving our own selves to God.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness ...
for everything in heaven and on
earth is yours.
**All things come from you, and of your
own do we give you.**

*The President takes bread and wine. An
authorised Eucharistic prayer is used.
We remain seated.*

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The president praises God for his
mighty acts and we respond*

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

We recall the Last Supper.

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

*The Prayer continues and leads into the
doxology. We respond: Amen.*

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 president introduces the Peace
with a sentence.*

The peace of the Lord be always with
you: **and also with you.**

*The president breaks the consecrated
bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for
ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us
this bread always.**

The president invites us to Communion.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We respond to the authorized words of
distribution.*

The body and blood of Christ keep you
in eternal life.

Amen.

The ministers bring the elements to us.

Those at home may pray this prayer:

**O loving God,
in union with Christian people
throughout the world
and across the centuries gathered to
make Eucharist,
hearing your holy Word and receiving
the Precious Body and Blood of your
dear Son,**

**I offer you praise and thanksgiving.
Even though I am exiled from tasting
the Bread of Heaven and drinking
the Cup of Life**

**I pray that you will unite me with all
the baptised, and with your Son
who gave his life for us.**

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me
and send your Holy Spirit that I may
be filled with your presence.**

The Post Communion prayer is said.

**All Christ our King,
fill us with your love,
that we may gladly speak for you,
work for you, and live our whole life
for you, until all join with us in endless
praise of you. Amen.**

We stand for the blessing.

... remain with you always.

Amen.

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

*Please wait to be dismissed by the
wardens, & keep physical distance.*

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion by Diocese of
Chelmsford