

HOLY TRINITY HEATH TOWN

Sunday 21st September 2025

9:30am Morning Praise

Theme: Your Shape for God's service "Experience"

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

GATHERING & GREETING

I lift up my eyes to the hills -from where
does my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth**

O God, who called all life into being
The earth, sea and sky are yours

Your presence is all around us:
Every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the
earth.

**With you we yearn for justice and peace
to be done.**

For what does the LORD require of us?
**To act justly, to love mercy and to walk
humbly with our God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord speak to us.

That we may hear your word.

Move among us

That we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers,

That we may learn to trust you.

Almighty God, your Son opened for us a
new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills to
worship you in spirit and truth, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**Amen**

SONG

King of kings, majesty,

God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed
souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

We say together

**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 seek the forgiveness
of our sins, that by the power of the
Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to
the service of God.**

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in
sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring
your will for our lives.

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without
thinking of you;

Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think
and say;

Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away
from you by temptations in the world
about us

Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to
belong to you Son;

Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

**God our Father, help us to be good role
models in everything that we do. Amen**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of all love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit, and
raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us
& bore our sins on the cross: may we
trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is
ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-6

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SONG

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'
Let the poor say 'I am rich,'
Because of what the Lord has done for
us.

(Repeat)

(Last time)

Give thanks.

READING: Luke 9; 23-26

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MESSAGE

SONG

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;

But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response – Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PEACE

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,

The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

Loving God, as we go from here open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts to the needs around us.

Help us to see people who are hidden in the margins.

Help us hear those who find it hard to have a voice.

Help us to feel the pain of people who feel trapped by their circumstances.

Give us a vision for a renewed community, where people truly listen and care for one another.

Give us wisdom, passion and energy to do your work here and may we see people transformed and set free. **Amen**

May the blessing of the Father, who loves every one of us, and the Son who came and lived and died for each of us, and for the Holy Spirit who is always there for us, be with us all evermore.

Amen

HYMN

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
.....unending love, amazing grace.*

SENDING OUT PRAYER

Lord of awe and wonder, Lord of gentleness and strength, Lord of joy and celebration, we go out into the world with you. **Amen**

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