

## HOLY TRINITY HEATH TOWN

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9:30am Holy Communion**

**Theme: “Your Shape for God’s Service “Spiritual Gifts”**

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### WELCOME & GREETING

**Loving God, as we gather together to worship today, draw us closer to one another and to you, that we may grow together in faith and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### HYMN/SONG

O worship the King,  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and His love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour  
And girded with praise.

O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is His path  
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power  
Hath founded of old;  
Hath 'stablished it fast,  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
Nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender,  
How firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend!

### INTRODUCTION

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

## CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

## COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gifts of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(sung)*

**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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT / EPISTLE READING:

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN/SONG

O thou who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up Thy gift in me.

Ready for all Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia.

**Alleluia.**

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit.

**Alleluia.**

There are varieties of service but the same Lord.

**Alleluia.**

We are all brought into one body by  
baptism in the one Spirit.

**Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL READING:**

**John 20:19-23**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN/SONG**

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have come to us,

You are one with us,

Mary's son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin,

Pouring Your love and goodness in;

Jesus, our love for You we sing,

Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Now and every day,

Teach us how to pray,

Son of God.

You have commanded us to do

This in remembrance, Lord, of You:

Into our lives Your power breaks through,

Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have come to us,

Born as one of us,

Mary's son.

Led out to die on Calvary,

Risen from death to set us free,

Living Lord Jesus, help us see

You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

We would come to You,

Live our lives for You,

Son of God.

All Your commands we know are true,

Your many gifts will make us new,

Into our lives Your power breaks through,

Living Lord.

### **CREED/AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the  
Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to  
equality with God, but made himself  
nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he  
was born in human likeness. He humbled  
himself and was obedient to death, even  
the death of the cross. Therefore God  
has raised him on high, and given him  
the name above every name: that at the  
name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus  
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS**

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**

God has made us one in Christ. He has set  
his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what  
is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in  
our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **NOTICES**

**OFFERTORY HYMN/SONG: *Tune: Hyfrydol.***

**Father, Lord of all creation,** ground of  
being, life and love;

Height and depth beyond description, only life in you can prove:

You are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
Yours is every hour's existence, sovereign  
Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others we, your  
people, make our prayer  
help us love, as sisters, brothers all whose  
burdens we can share.

Where your name binds us together you,  
Lord Christ, will surely be; where no  
selfishness can sever there you love the  
world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing wind and flame  
of Pentecost  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning to  
regain what we have lost.

May your love unite our action nevermore  
to speak alone

God, in us, abolish faction God, through us,  
your love make known.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and  
with them our lives, to be used in your  
service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### *Sung Sanctus*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,

your living Word, through whom you have  
created all things; who was sent by you in  
your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took  
flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed  
Virgin, he lived on earth and went about  
among us; he opened wide his arms for us  
on the cross; he put an end to death by  
dying for us; and revealed the  
resurrection by rising to new life; so he  
fulfilled your will and won for you a holy  
people.

And now we give you thanks that, after he  
had ascended far above all heavens, and  
was seated at the right hand of your  
majesty, he sent forth upon the universal  
Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;  
that through his glorious power the joy of  
the everlasting gospel might go forth into  
all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and  
with all the company of heaven, we  
proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

#### *Sanctus sung to the tune of Scarborough Fair*

**Holy, holy, holy the Lord, God of endless  
power and might, the earth, the heavens  
are full of your love.**

**Sing Hosanna, glory to God.**

**Blest is He, the one who is sent In the  
name of God the Most High. O holy, holy,  
holy our Lord. Sing Hosanna, glory to God**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of  
all holiness; grant that by the power of  
your Holy Spirit, and according to your  
holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night  
that he was betrayed, took bread and

gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

### **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of**

**your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **HYMN/SONG**

#### **WHATEVER I HAVE GAINED,**

Whatever I have done,  
I leave it all behind to follow You.  
The things that I attained,  
The goals I may have gained,  
A prize or any glory of my own.

*For I am lost without Your love,  
All things are loss without Your love;  
For I am lost without Your love,  
All things are loss without Your love.*

The wonder of Your love,  
The wonder of Your grace;  
To gain You and to know You as my Lord.  
That I am found in You,  
Your righteousness alone,  
Is more than I could dream or ever ask.

### **DISMISSAL**

Filled with the Spirit's power,

go in the light and peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**