

Holy Trinity Heath Town

11:15 am Holy Communion By Extension Sunday 18th January 2026

Theme: Revealing the hidden

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GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

GATHERING PRAYER

We gather in the name of God who reveals light
in darkness,
who calls us before we know him,
and who makes known his saving purpose in
Jesus Christ.

As we worship, may what is hidden be
revealed,

and may we recognise Christ among us. **Amen.**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONG 1

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

*Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
You're altogether lovely,*

SONG 2

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

For none shall compare to Your matchless
worth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen**

KINGDOM BUILDERS' LEAVES

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,

**forgive us all that is past and grant that we
may serve you in newness of life**

to the glory of your name.Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS'

May almighty God
Who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy upon us,
Pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
In Christ you make yourself known
To those who seek you with faithful hearts.
Open our eyes to recognise him,
Open our lips to proclaim him.
And open our lives to reveal his love,
That we may follow him faithfully
As witnesses of your saving grace,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SONG 3

Blessèd be your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessèd be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.*

Blessèd be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's 'all as it should be',
Blessèd be Your name.

And blessèd be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessèd be Your name.

Every blessing...

Blessèd be the name of the Lord...

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessèd be Your name.

Blessèd be the name of the Lord...

GOSPEL READING JOHN 1: 29 -42

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on
earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who reveals the hidden love of God
and calls us to follow him.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who opens our eyes to truth
and sends us out in faith and hope.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you."The peace of the Lord be always
with you.**And also with you**

NOTICES

OFFERTORY SONG

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
That is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart
You're the answer to it all, Jesus
You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart
You're the answer to it all, to it all Jesus, yeah!

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper

Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

You are here touching every life
I worship You, I worship You
You are here meeting every need
I worship You, I worship You

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

COMMUNION BY EXTENSION

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord's command. These holy gifts have been brought to us that we may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

READING: John 6: 53-58

In John ch 6 Jesus says,
"I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."

Blessed are you, God of those who hunger and thirst, for you give us our food in due season. You nourish us with your word, which is the bread of life. You strengthen us with your Spirit, the new wine of your Kingdom. In Christ you are food for the hungry, refreshment for the weary. Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer. Blessed be God for ever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

This is the table of the Lord.

We come, not because we are strong, but because we are weak.

We come, not because any goodness of our own gives us a right to come, but because we need mercy and help;

We come, because we love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

We come, because the Lord loves us and gives himself for us.

We come, old and young, there is room for all.

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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

God of revelation, you have made yourself known to us in Christ. As we go from this place, keep us attentive to your presence, faithful to your call, and ready to recognise you in those we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG 5

Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.
But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

*Lord, reign in me,
Reign in Your power;
Over all my dreams,
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?*

Over every thought,
Over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again?

DISMISSAL

May Christ, the light of the world, reveal his presence to you; may the Spirit open your eyes to truth; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always

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