

Holy Trinity Church Heath Town

Sunday 18th January 2026 9:30 am Holy Communion by extension

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.

A GATHERING PRAYER

As we meet together Lord, please reveal to us today more of who you are. Help us to see with fresh eyes your plan for our lives, and for all of creation. **Amen.**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HYMN 1

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.
(Last time)
I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus:

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus:

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus:

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.

CONFESION

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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 your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May the God of light and love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

God of all mercy, Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE GLORIA

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

READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 2

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF 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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

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

Lord, as one body we have shared communion together and worshipped you here today. As we leave this place, open

our eyes, Lord, to see where you are at work in the world around us.

Give us grace to recognise your presence, and courage to follow where you lead. Please keep us attentive to your Spirit, ready to serve, ready to love, and ready to join in your work.

And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen

FINAL SONG

Come and see the shining hope that Christ's apostle saw; on the earth, confusion but in heaven an open door, where the living creatures praise the Lamb for evermore:

Love has the victory for ever!

*Amen, he comes!
to bring his own reward!
Amen, praise God!
for justice now restored;
kingdoms of the world
become the kingdom of the Lord:
Love has the victory for ever!*

All the gifts you send us, Lord, are faithful, good and true; holiness and righteousness are shown in all you do: who can see your greatest Gift and fail to worship you? Love has the victory for ever!

Power and salvation all belong to God on high! So the mighty multitudes of heaven make their cry, singing Hallelujah! where the echoes never die: Love has the victory for ever

DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love, and to reflect God's glory, today and always. Amen