

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity

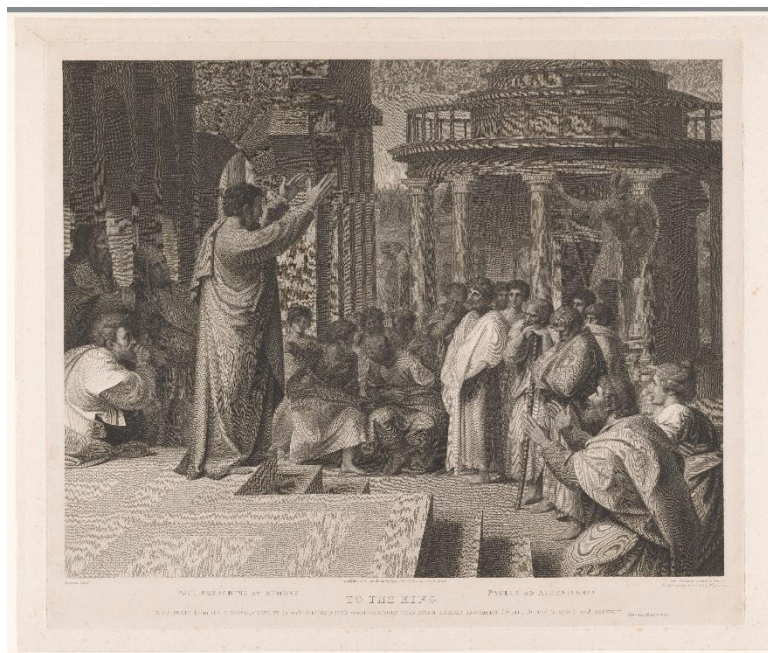
9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (11 am), Service of the Word (11.30) at Christ the King

7 pm Evening Prayer by phone: dial 0333 016 0300

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Thank you for adding your voice to our worship today



This week we are asked to pray for Margaret Brendish, Rodney, Carol Martin, Caroline, Audrey, Keith Battarbee, Jasmine, Phil, Martin Beaumont, Desiree, Valerie Lines, Albert & Joyce, Pearl Evans, Dowler, Tony Smith, Lauren, Jon, Mel, Lee J, Pat Greenwood, Michael Bungay, Emer, Matthew, Leanne, Sandy, Brendan, Fran Carroll, Rebecca & Sam & Evelyn.

We remember those who have died including Danny Fraylick, Luke Rowland-Morris; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Jim Rapley (12th), Edgar Boorman (15th).



Holy Trinity church costs £23.01 per day to maintain (an increase of 41p on last year). If you would like to contribute to our basic running costs, you can donate via this QR code.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th May

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT
Eucharist 9.45 am HT
Service of the Word 11.30 am Ctk
Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

Mon - Thu Morning Prayer 8.15 am in church (Holy Trinity) and via Zoom (meeting ID 853 6081 3492 ask for passcode).

Tuesday 12th May

Friendship Café 2 – 4 pm Ctk
PCC meeting 7 pm Ctk

Wednesday 13th May

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm Ctk
Christ the King singers 7.30 pm Ctk

Thursday 14th May

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Sunday 17th May

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT
Eucharist 9.45 am HT
Eucharist 11.30 am Ctk
including Holy Baptism
Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

NOTICES

Privacy notice: Our 9.45 Eucharist is live-streamed to YouTube to reach out to those who cannot attend in person. If you sit behind the first two pews, you will not be on camera. (We never show congregants receiving Communion.)

Churches Together for Stevenage Day: Sunday June 14 is Stevenage Day, with loads of stalls and activities on the King George V playing fields all afternoon. Stevenage churches want to be a Christian presence and a visible sign of the life of churches in our town. Can you volunteer for one hour to: hand out leaflets and smile at those who walk past, help with a children's craft, &/or talk to people and offer

prayer?. Speak to Becky Birch or contact rogern2007@hotmail.co.uk

Invitations to sit, kneel and stand are suggestions. Please feel free to adopt whatever posture works for you as an aid to worship and prayer.

Induction loop: Our audio system can transmit sound directly to hearing aids with a "T-coil" setting, reducing background noise for clearer audio.

Trinity Sunday, 31 May: Do plan to join us on the 31st for the 9.45 Eucharist if you possibly can. It's our Feast of Title, when we give thanks for this parish as well as rejoicing in the mystery of our Trinitarian God! Our guest preacher will be the Revd Canon Richard Watson, vicar of St Saviours, St Albans, "*an inclusive parish church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England: More than Beer & Fizz; More than Bells & Smells!*"

Community Donations: Every week we contribute to the Vineyard Church's Food-Shed. We also collect for Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank, particularly underwear and socks for ages 3-18 (no babywear, please).

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday 19 May: Working party 6.30 – 8.30 pm at HT

Saturday 23 May: 7.30 pm Confirmation service at St Albans Cathedral. Come along and support Barry and Carl as they are confirmed!

Sunday 24 May: Pentecost service, "Holy Spirit, we welcome you!" with the Christ the King singers 3pm at CTK

Saturday 20 June: Pilgrimage to St Albans for a vibrant procession, powerful worship, and a festival that fills the streets with colour, music, and life.

Eucharist for 6th Sunday of Easter

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in us the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sing: Jesus, where'er thy people meet (ONE-360)

We kneel or sit to pray.

My God, for love of you

I desire to hate and forsake all sins

by which I have ever displeased you;

and I resolve by the help of your grace

to commit them no more;

and to avoid all opportunities of sin.

Help me to do this,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The president declares absolution.

We sing: Glory to God

and peace for all his people;

we worship you, give thanks so true, honour and praise.

Glory to God in Jesus, Son and Saviour:

you take away our sin

and for mercy we pray.

Glory to God! Glory to God!

Peace from the highest heaven:

sing glory to God!

Glory to God whose majesty and mercy

seen in the Son, love's holy one,

Jesus the Lord.

Glory to God

for Jesus Christ our Saviour

who with the Holy Spirit and Father

is one.

Glory to God...

**Glory to God the hope of every people;
Give us that light in human sight,
Spirit and truth.
Glory to God whose love in Jesus risen
takes every life and moment
to heaven above!
Glory to God...**

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The president prays the collect prayer.

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

(1 Peter 3: 13-22)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Acts:

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

(Acts 17: 22-

31)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing: Blest are the pure in heart (ONE-69)

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord,
are spirit and life. Alleluia!
Open our hearts to your word.

**Alleluia! Your words, O Lord,
are spirit and life. Alleluia!**

Open our hearts to your word.

Rejoice, all the earth,
for the night is gone!

Our God has raised us up from death
in Christ Jesus the Son.

Alleluia! ...

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides in you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

(John 14: 15-21)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We listen to the sermon

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

We share the peace with a wave.

We offer our gifts as we sing: All my hope on God is founded (ONE-19)

The President takes bread and wine.

We use Eucharistic Prayer H.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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.**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save;
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave;
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made;
give us your peace, we pray.**

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Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Those who cannot move forward receive Communion first. Please join us in Communion if you have been confirmed or formally prepared for Holy Communion. If this is not the case for you, you're warmly invited to carry this leaflet to the front and the priest will pray a blessing for you.

Our communion wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England. We offer the common cup. If you do not wish to drink from

the cup but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence, you may choose to touch the chalice base, or take it into your hands, before saying "Amen".

Those at home are invited to pray:

**I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,
present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit.
In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community.
May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart, may you, present
in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul,
may you, who gives yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace
increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall
come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.**

Notices are given.

We sing: I the Lord of sea and sky (324)

We remain standing for the blessing.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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