

HOLY TRINITY HEATH TOWN

Sunday 28th June 2026 9:30am Morning Praise

Theme: Recognised

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WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come from scattered lives to meet with you.

We rejoice that you know each of us by name and love us, inside and out.

Show us how to recognise you in the friends we are gathered with, and how to see you reflected in everyone we meet.

Amen.

HYMN:

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!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

INTRODUCTION

PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God, your Spirit draws us into your presence, and so we come – drawn by love, upheld by grace –

To meet with Jesus our Saviour

To know him as our master.

To know him as our friend.

Through Him we see the Father, whose love sent Jesus to us.

Spirit, Son and Father, we draw close in faith to offer our praise and worship.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Lord God, sometimes we aren't welcoming to people around us.

We just don't recognise their worth in you. We realise how hurtful that must be.

We know we wouldn't like it.

Lord, in all those times, open our eyes to your forgiveness.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Sometimes we get wrapped up in our own concerns.

We don't notice much else. We certainly aren't looking for you.

We don't recognise you when you are there.

Lord, in all those times, open our eyes to your forgiveness.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

Sometimes we know we don't act as you would wish.

In your mercy you show us the things we should do.

Lord, in all those times, open our eyes to your forgiveness

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

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**

READING: Genesis 22: 1-14

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

Of His deliverance I will boast,
Till all that are distressed
From my example comfort take,
And charm their griefs to rest.

O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His name;
When in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succour trust.

O make but trial of His love;
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight;
Your wants shall be His care.

READING Matthew 10. 40-42

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Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN

Only by grace can we enter,
Only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavour,
But by the blood of the Lamb.
Into Your presence You call us,
You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us,
And now by Your grace we come,
Now by Your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions,
Who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb.

(Repeat)

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

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.

THE COLLECT

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN

*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.*

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.

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.

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 forever
more!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the
majesty; for everything in heaven and
on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

**As we go out from here, help us to
recognise where there is need.
Show us how we can serve and spread
your love everywhere. Amen.**

HYMN

*Send me out from here, Lord,
To serve a world in need.
May I know no one by the coat they wear,
But the heart that Jesus sees.
And may the light of Your face
Shine upon me, Lord.
You have filled my heart with the greatest
joy,
And my cup is overflowing.*

'Go now, and carry the news
To all creation, every race and every
tongue.
Take no purse with you,
Take nothing to eat
For He will supply your every need.'

'Go now, bearing the light,
Living for others,
Fearlessly walking into the night;
Take no thought for your lives,
Like lambs among wolves,
Full of the Spirit, ready to die.'

BLESSING

May Christ draw us to humility and
worship, and bring us to see God at work;
and may the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be with
us and remain with us always.
Amen

DISMISSAL

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