

HOLY TRINITY HEATH TOWN

Sunday 19th July 2026

9:30am Holy Communion

Theme: God is in this place

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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.**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HYMN

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We shall rejoice, we shall rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We shall rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

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

PSALM 139: 1-12, 23-24

O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
**You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
You know what I am going to say**

even before I say it, Lord.

You go before me and follow me.

You place your hand of blessing on my head.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

If I go up to heaven, you are there;

if I go down to the grave, you are there.

If I ride the wings of the morning,

if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.

**I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—**

but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.

To you the night shines as bright as day.

Darkness and light are the same to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

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

COLLECT

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; 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.

READING: Genesis 28.10-19a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

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: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to You, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

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 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 you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,

Slain for us: and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Torn for you: eat and remember

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,

Paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith

We rise to respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering

We proclaim: Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven

Around the table of the King.

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

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

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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are a voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,*

Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

These are the days of Miriam,
Dancing with praise to the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant, Esther,
Protecting the people of God.
And though these are days of endurance,
Of waiting and mystery and doubt,
Still in our hearts is the Spirit's whisper,
Rising to victory shout.

These are the days of Deborah,
Creating God's justice on earth;
And these are the days of your servant, Rahab,
Rebel who sides with the Lord.
And these are the days of empowerment,
Of risking and making a stand,
We are the agents of transformation,
The Kingdom of God is at hand.

BLESSING

May the blessing of the Father, who loves every one of us, and the Son who came and lived and died for each of us, and for the Holy Spirit who is always there for us, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's ways and to share His love with all we meet. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**