



## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Sunday 13 September 2020*

### **WELCOME TO THE EUCHARIST** *the central Christian act of worship*

*in a time of national and global  
emergency precautions  
to resist the spread of the  
coronavirus pandemic*

*A warm welcome to you all joining us  
from home on Facebook.*

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

*All our hymns have been recorded  
remotely by the Choral Scholars of St  
Martin-in-the-Fields, with thanks to the  
Church of England for providing them  
for our streamed services. Our  
Anthem is performed by our own  
musical ensemble the Contracovids.*

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN (*NEH 436*)

**Praise, my soul, the King of  
heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should  
sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and  
spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down  
before him;  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

## THE GATHERING

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*As we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind those ways in which we have turned away from God in the past week.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said;  
 The first commandment is this;  
 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.'  
 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this; 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
 There is no other commandment greater than these,  
 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen, Lord have mercy**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.  
 Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,  
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
 We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
 In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
 that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.  
 Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,  
 † pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GLORIA (Said)

**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.**

THE COLLECT

**Almighty God,  
Whose only Son has opened for us a  
new and living way into your  
presence;  
give us pure hearts and steadfast  
wills to worship you in spirit and in  
truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever.  
Amen**

GRADUAL HYMN (NEH 263)

**All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden  
beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Thou rushing wind that art so  
strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
*Refrain:***

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and  
light:  
*Refrain:***

**Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father, praise  
the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
*Refrain:***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GOSPEL  
*Reader: Nancy Fisher*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew .

St Matthew 18: 21-35

*When it is announced:*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father  
almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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

*Leader: Chris Brewer*

*After:*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*At the end of the prayers*

Leader: 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.**

*\*All may exchange a sign of peace with  
those we are watching with at home, or  
by writing in the comment box below\**

HYMN

(NEH 307)

**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home,  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within thy shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,  
Save, lest we sink beneath the  
waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
The Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we  
pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty  
and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give  
you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and  
eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is  
holy, for Christ has risen from the  
tomb and scattered the darkness of  
death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with  
your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the  
breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this  
day you summon us to live in endless  
light, the never-ceasing sabbath of  
the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of  
praise:

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

**Blessèd is he, who comes in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ,  
and as we follow his example and  
obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy  
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, and make our spiritual communion, renew us by your Spirit,

inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

#### 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.**

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, **you take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, **you take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, **you take away  
the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY  
COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL  
COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM: (*SP 301*)  
'O God you search me and you know  
me' *sung by the Contracovids*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of  
bread and one in joy and simplicity of  
heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought  
us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your  
love, gave us grace, and opened the  
gates of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to  
others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light  
to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have  
set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be  
free, and the whole earth live to  
praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## NOTICES

POST COMMUNION HYMN  
(*tune Jerusalem*)

**Bring to the Lord a glad new song,  
children of grace extol your king:  
your love and praise to God  
belong-  
to instruments of music, sing!  
Let those be warned who spurn  
God's name,  
let rulers all obey God's word:  
for justice shall bring tyrants  
shame:  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

**Sing praise within these  
hallowed walls,  
worship beneath the dome of  
heaven;  
by cymbals' sound and  
trumpets' calls  
let praises fit for God be given:  
with strings and brass and wind  
rejoice  
then, join our song in full accord  
all living things with breath and  
voice;  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and the blessing of God almighty, the Father †, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you this day and always.

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

Organ Voluntary  
François Couperin: Elevation—  
Tierce en Taille *recorded by Graham Powell on the organ of St Peter's Limpsfield*

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