



**LAST SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY / BIBLE SUNDAY**
Sunday 25 October 2020

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

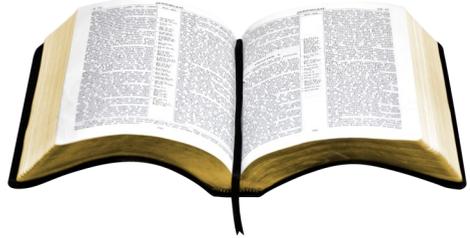
*in a time of national and global
emergency precautions
to resist the spread of the
coronavirus pandemic*

*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

(NHWS 78)

**For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's
safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit,
Thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.**

THE GREETING

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

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.**

TURNING BACK TO GOD

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of
the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the
eyes of him to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and
faith.

**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 your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark,
learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of
your holy word, we may embrace and
for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting
life, which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament reading

Reader: Lillian Hindley

Neh. 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN

**Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!**

THE GOSPEL

Reader: Jean Scott

Alleluia, alleluia.
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

St Matthew 24: 30-35

When it is announced:
Glory to you, O Lord

At the end:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: John Tolley

After: Lord, in your abundant
love
Hear our prayer

At the end of the prayers

Leader: Lord of life,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart
and mind to serve you
with joy for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.
and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

HYMN

(SP 152)

**Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race ;
called as God's own special
people,
royal priests and heirs of grace :
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds ;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human
needs.**

God has called you out of darkness into his most marvellous light ; brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight. Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified ; and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love ; but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above. Let his love flow out to others, let them feel a Father's care ; that they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends ; strong in faith and swift to answer each command your master sends : royal priests, fulfil your calling through your sacrifice and prayer ; give your lives in joyful service — sing his praise, his love declare.

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 indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal and creative Word, through whom all things came into being;

the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets, dying for our sins and rising again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He stands among us in his risen power,

opening to us his living word, and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

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:

**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,
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:
'How lovely on the mountains' sung
by the Contracovids

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word
of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us by your true
and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen**

We pray together:

**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

CLOSING HYMN

(NEH 485)

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord..**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

THE BLESSING

Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been born
again,
not of perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living and
enduring word of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you
always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary: Francois Couperin -
Elevation—Tierce en Taille (recorded
by Graham Powell)

Resources to help us read the Bible

Waverly Abbey (CWR) choice of daily
*Bible reading notes including Every Day
with Jesus, Inspiring Women and Life
Every Day:*

[https://www.waverleyabbeyresources.org/
books-resources/daily-bible-reading/](https://www.waverleyabbeyresources.org/books-resources/daily-bible-reading/)

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)

Bible reading notes at a glance:

[https://www.brfonline.org.uk/pages/bible-
reading-notes-at-a-glance](https://www.brfonline.org.uk/pages/bible-reading-notes-at-a-glance)

Scripture Union

*Helpful notes on different Bible passages
to help you understand what you're
reading and relate it to modern day issues
and events:*

[https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/bible-
reading-guides](https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/bible-reading-guides)

There are also lots of online prayer and
meditation websites which Sarah can

recommend if you email her:

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*Please consider helping to
support the life and work of our
church if you can in any of the
following ways:*

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giving.html](https://www.stpeterslimpsfield.org/giving.html)

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