



The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26 July 2020, 11.00am

**ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER
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Welcome

to all who are joining us in church today or online via Zoom.

For those in church, we will be using the Lady Chapel and north aisle. Please help us all to 'pray safe' by following the Covid-19 guidelines by:

- * Keeping 2m apart.
- * The wearing of face masks is strongly recommended.
- * Using the hand sanitiser on your way into and out of church, and at the table at the front before receiving communion.
- * Completing the contact details form on entry.
- * Sitting in the seats that are marked with only one person in each short pew, unless members of the same household.
- * Using the order of service already placed on your seat and taking this home with you.
- * Sharing the Peace in a non-contact way, such as with the British Sign Language (BSL) Sign.
- * Refraining from singing.
- * For the collection please use the QR code below or donate online at: www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate
We will not be taking a cash collection.

Thank you.



Welcome and Introduction

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn

Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields and edited together.

***Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.***

**All you who thirst, come to the waters,
And you will never be thirsty again.**

Water of life ...

**As rain from heav'n so is God's word,
It waters the earth and brings forth life.**

Water of life ...

**Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
Death shall no longer have pow'r over us.**

Water of life ...

**Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
You will find peace in his infinite love.**

Water of life ...

Stephen Dean (b.1948)

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Prayers of Confession

Christ calls us to share the Kingdom of God with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Silence

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

In your Kingdom you satisfy those who hunger for righteousness and justice.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal
and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

(For those in church, please listen as the soloist sings.)

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with the word 'All' above it. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace for his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;'. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive
our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
- lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men.

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

Read by John Hunt

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 119.129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

All **The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

All **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom towards those who love your name.**

Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

All **Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

All **My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.26-end

Read by Tracey Worth

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "

Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Reflection

The Rev'd Katherine Hedderly

Music

'For deliverance from sickness'

Words: George Wither, Hymns and Songs of the Church(1623) Music: Orlando Gibbons

Sung by Dorothy Lawrence

Apostles' Creed

All **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

Led by Siobhan Martin

Lord in your mercy:
All **Hear our prayer.**

at the end:

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

We share the Peace using the British Sign Language (BSL) sign.

The Preparation of the Table

All **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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **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.

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:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 Mary 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

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

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The priest receives using the words 'The Body and Blood of Christ' and all say 'Amen'.

Communion will be administered in one kind in front of the altar. Please use the hand sanitiser provided if you wish to receive the bread, and form a line maintaining 2m distancing. Blessings can be given as the sign of the cross, though the priest will remain silent. Please return to your seat continuing to maintain physical distancing.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those at home

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Prayer 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.**

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 always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

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**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Great is thy faithfulness ...

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Great is thy faithfulness ...

Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)
Tune: Faithfulness (WM Runyan, 1870-1957)

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