



# Service of Holy Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Service Two



Mass Setting: St. Thomas (D. Thorne)

**Deacon Sarah**  
**Preacher Gerda**  
**Presiding Canon Simon**

## **WELCOME & Introduction [please remain seated]**

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

### **HYMN 641 - *Glorious things of thee are spoken.***

**1** *Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

**2** *See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age.*

**3** *Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night, and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.*

**4** *Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.*

JOHN NEWTON (1725 – 1807)

## Prayers of Penitence

*We are invited to confess what we have done wrong*

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden,  
and ask for forgiveness and peace.

Therefore, 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.

### Confession (please sit or kneel)

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Restore us when we are lost.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Forgive us when our lives don't reflect your love.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Free us from the turmoil of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **THE PERUVIAN GLORIA [please stand]**

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!*  
***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!***

*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.....

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.....

## **THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet*)**

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Please sit)**

all age talk Gerda

## **BIBLE READING**

### **New Testament: Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19] Read by Gill**

Brothers and sisters as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 144 - *How deep the Father's love.***

***1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.***

***2 Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life —  
I know that 'it is finished.'***

***3 I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.***

**Stuart Townend (b.1963)**

## **GOSPEL READING Luke 11.1-13**

(Please remain standing)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke .

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON Gerda**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(If you would like to, please stand)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by Captain John**

(Please sit or kneel)

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

At the end:

Merciful Father,

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

## **NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING**



## **THE PEACE**

(If you would like to, please stand)

Deep peace be in your hearts,  
Deep peace with God's good earth,  
Deep peace with friend and stranger,  
Deep peace with God - Creator, Redeemer and life-giving Spirit.  
The deep peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 628 - *Father of heaven.***

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared]

***1 Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls hath found,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy pardoning love extend.***

***2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy saving grace extend.***

***3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy quickening power extend.***

***4 Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;  
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
grace, pardon, life to us extend.***

Edward Cooper (1770–1833)

With this bread that we bring,  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring,  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

(Please sit or kneel)

*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.***

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
This is his story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.  
This is his story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food.  
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
He took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
This is our story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.  
This is our story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

United as one body we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom  
in heaven and on earth, using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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 forever. 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.**

**The Agnus Dei is sung:**

***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.***

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

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.

**Choir Anthem:** Be still for the presence of the Lord (Evans)

**HYMN 389 - *Spirit of God.***

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

1 You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.  
*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

2 Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.

Margaret V. Old (1932–2001)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit, keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN 652 - *Guide me, O thou great redeemer.***

***1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.***

***2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my Strength and Shield,  
be thou still my Strength and Shield.***

***3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.***

WILLIAM WILLIAMS (1717-1791)  
Translated by PETER WILLIAMS (1727-1796)

## THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and grant us peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us,  
be upon those we love,  
pray for and care for  
now and for evermore.

**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*or*

By the power of the Spirit, we take into our community the peace  
and love of God.

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