

WORSHIP - 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 25 JULY 2021

*Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am, and Evensong in St Edmund's at 6 pm.
Peter is leading the Zoom service.*

Hymn - Seek ye first the Kingdom of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9MTRPA0z-E>

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbziz>

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.

Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God in the highest.

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. Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament lesson - Ephesians 3.14-end- is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - Brother, sister, let me serve you - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttW9oQ-yiuU>

Gospel - John 6.-21 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Address - a sermon from Peter is on the website

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.

Anthem – Oculi omnium – Charles Wood - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQDU524YFFU>

Words: Psalm 144:15-16 and John 6:56-57

Music: Charles Wood

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.

Aperis tu manum tuam: et imple omne animal benedictione.

Alleluia.

Caro mea vere est cibus: et sanguis meus vere est potus:

qui manducat meam carnem, et bibit meum sanguinem, in me manet, et ego in eo.

Alleluia.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;

and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Alleluia.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Alleluia.

Prayers of Intercession, written by Mary Wallen

Mary writes: Throughout the prayers this morning I have tried to focus on the theme of food and hospitality. Remembering the words from the Ephesians reading that reassure us that God our Father will strengthen our inner being with the power of his Spirit.

I ask that God will be with us all at this time of prayer, that we may think carefully and wisely and take something from our prayers with us into our daily lives. **Amen.**

We ask You, loving Father, that you may show us how to best help the people in our world who are starving.

The statistics show that nearly 800 million people have insufficient food to thrive, this is almost one in every ten of the world's population. Due to civil war, climate change and now COVID these shocking figures are increasing further. Help the charities, aid workers and governments to act wisely and to give appropriate support and education so that people living with poverty can find a way out of their desperate situation. Is there anything we could do to help ease this enormous problem.

Help us God to do our part in working towards a world that will be a better place for everyone.

With the strength of the Holy Spirit we will.

We ask You, Loving Father to show our politicians, both those in Westminster and locally, how to support people who are undernourished. It is appalling to know that there are sections of our own society who do not have sufficient food. These include vulnerable children and a considerable number of people over 65 years old. For a so called developed country this is unforgivable. Please Lord, give those in positions of power the wisdom and integrity that they may make decisions that will give the necessary support to these families and individuals.

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We ask You, Loving Father to show us ways on offering hospitality to our friends and neighbours. This has not been easy over the last 16 months, since the first lockdown. Help us to remember how to show love by sharing lunch, a cup of coffee or just a friendly chat with people we know, especially those who may be lonely. Help us to find ways to do this safely whilst the COVID restrictions are gradually eased.

We ask, Lord, for your blessing and support for those who are sick, especially those who are known to us. We ask for your continued blessings for the families of those who have died. They are always in great need of comfort at their time of grieving so we pray for them. We give thanks for new life - for baby Gwenllian and her mum and dad, for all our families.

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Lastly we ask You, Loving father to show us ways that we can do more to help others. This might be giving to charity, finding time to support a friend or just an encouraging word to a stranger. Do we really do whatever we can to play our part and 'bow our knee before the Father' and show that Christ is living in our hearts through faith.

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We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus 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.

Hymn - O Jesus, I have promised - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU_cev2ri90

The Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final music - *welcome to Gwenllian Joyce Greig-Cooper. For the daughter of two railway engineers we must have*

Coronation Scot, Vivian Ellis - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT7kbyVFqE>

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