

WORSHIP - 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 23 AUG 2020

Welcome and notices

This order is similar to the one we are using at St Edmund's at 10 am. Please pray for those of us worshipping in one of our churches, as we pray for you. Yesterday we celebrated the wedding of Shaun and Georgina, lovely to be back taking weddings. As we light a candle this morning, listen to The Song of Ruth by David Ogden - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fda1fvGDmpM>. This is one of the wedding pieces St Matthew's choir often sing. We pray for wedding couples - for Thomas and Sally who will be married next Saturday, and for our choirs and musicians. Hopefully soon we can sing together once again.



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 us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep yus in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis - *say this, as those of us in church will be saying it*

**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 for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

O God,
you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us
such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers
of your heavenly treasure;
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.



Bible readings - Romans 12.1-8 and Matthew 16.13-20

The text for these are on the blue sheet, which you can download from the front page of the website

Hymn - *we can't sing at church, but you might like to sing/enjoy*

Be still my soul - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snGEoVfUGuQ>

A lovely hymn set to Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

Address - *there is a sermon from me on the front page of the website*

The Nicene Creed - *we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not 'I')*

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 - *Dot has written prayers for St Edmund's and Melonie for St Matthew's. Take your pick (or pray both!). You will find them on the front page of the website*

The Peace - *even if you are physically alone, remember you are part of God's Church across the world. We can share the peace with a phone call later today - who are you going to phone?*

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn - For I'm building a people of power. We sometimes use this chorus at All Age Worship, and I've found a chap playing it on a organ in Swansea (All Saints church, Oystermouth). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t730JrPU54> If you prefer a worship band, you can find plenty of them on youtube! This is the Swansea and Oystermouth Tramway

For I'm building a people of power,
And I'm making a people of praise,
That will move through this land by my Spirit,
And will glorify my precious name.
Build your church, Lord,
Make us strong, Lord,
Join our hearts, Lord, through your Son;
Make us one, Lord,
In your body,
In the Kingdom of your Son,
Build your church, Lord,
Make us strong, Lord,
Join our hearts, Lord, through your Son;
Make us one, Lord,
In your body,
In the Kingdom of your Son.



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At St Edmund's we are celebrating Holy Communion, but I am aware that if you are remaining at home, the fact that we are sharing the sacrament and you are not, might well be very difficult. I have printed the Eucharistic Prayer, but quite understand if you prefer not to use it until you are able to come to church or I can bring Communion to you. I can't tell you that you are welcome to use this prayer and have some of your own bread and wine, as that introduces all sort of legal and theological complications, but I'm sure God has no problems if that's what you want to do.

**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 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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Matthew, St Edmund and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer 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.

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

In church I will walk round the church giving people communion in one kind (bread only). You might like to listen to this setting by Palestrina of part of today's Gospel, sung by the choir of the University of Wisconsin. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGB_rZA9nsY

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo Ecclesiam meam.
Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.



Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people
have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm
on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing - *this is the one we use at weddings*

God the Holy Trinity make *you* strong in faith and love,
defend *you* on every side, and guide *you* in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always. Amen.

Hymn - Take my life and let it be - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfQKHKfxF4E>

The Dismissal

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

Final music - Finlandia, Jean Sibelius - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5zg_af9b8c

Now I want to go to Finland! (It is quite a long piece, perhaps make your after-service coffee before you watch it!)

Peter Barham, 22 August 2020



Shaun and Georgina - yesterday's wedding couple