



St Paul's Church

Parish Eucharist
27th July 2025
Sixth Sunday after Trinity



*Welcome to St Paul's! It is a joy to worship with you this morning. Please join in with words printed in **bold**.*

We stand to sing the OPENING HYMN (343)

We remain standing for 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.**

We remain standing for THE 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.

We remain standing for THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Priest or Deacon invites us to make our confession.

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.

We remain standing to sing the KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!
Christ, have mercy! Christ, have mercy!
Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

The Priest pronounces the absolution, after which we all say Amen.

We remain standing for the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (964)

We remain standing for THE COLLECT

We sit for THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading: Hosea 1.2–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

²When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord." ³So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel." ⁵In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel." ⁶Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them.

⁷Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them." ⁸After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. ⁹Then the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not my people"), for you are not my people, and I am not your God. ¹⁰"Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.'

Psalms 85

Response: Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins. You laid aside all your fury and turned from your wrathful indignation. **R**

Restore us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us. Will you be displeased with us for ever? Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another? Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. **R**

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other; truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. **R**

Second reading: Colossians 2.6–15

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him

through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

We stand for the READING OF THE GOSPEL

We sit for THE SERMON

We stand for THE 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.

We sit or kneel for THE INTERCESSIONS

We stand for THE PEACE

We sit to sing the OFFERTORY HYMN (45)

We remain seated for THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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 Priest praises God for their goodness and all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand as the Priest asks for our prayers and we say:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

We remain standing for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

The Priest says THE PREFACE *in which God is praised for his mighty acts, after which we sing the* SANCTUS:

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!

The Priest recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said: Great is the mystery of faith! Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and concludes with the doxology, to which all respond boldly: AMEN.

We remain standing for THE LORD'S PRAYER

We remain standing for THE 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.**

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.

Behold 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.**

Please come forward to receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your head bowed and your hands lowered.

We sit to sing the COMMUNION HYMN (590)

We stand for THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

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.

We sit for THE NOTICES

We stand to sing the doxology: Now unto Him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy – to the only wise God our saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

We remain standing and bow our heads for THE BLESSING

We remain standing for THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (727)

We remain standing for THE DISMISSAL

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

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass, so please come and join us, especially if this is your first time here at St Paul's.