



St Paul's Church

Parish Eucharist
3rd August 2025
Seventh 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 (222)

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.

¹¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶ The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To

the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Psalms 107

Response: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious; his steadfast love endures for ever.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy, ³ And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **R**

⁴ Some went astray in desert wastes and found no path to a city to dwell in. ⁵ Hungry and thirsty, their soul was fainting within them. ⁶ So they cried to the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷ He set their feet on the right way till they came to a city to dwell in. **R**

⁸ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children. ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good. **R**

Second reading: Colossians 3.1–11

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

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

We stand for the READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 12.13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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 (310)

We remain seated for THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE *and we say together:*

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 their 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 (381)

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 remain standing and bow our heads for THE BLESSING

We remain standing for THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (727)

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.