



St Paul's Church

Parish Eucharist
10th August 2025
Eighth 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 (6)

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: Genesis 15.1–6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to

him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33.12–21

Response: Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love.

¹² Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own. ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of earth. ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. **R**

¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works. ¹⁶ No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. **R**

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love, ¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. ²¹ Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; in his holy name have we put our trust. **R**

Second reading: Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

We stand for the READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 12.32–40

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 (378)

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 (517)

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 (350)

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.