



# St Paul's Church

Parish Eucharist  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Ninth 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 (178)*

*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 sit for THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*First reading: Jeremiah 23:23–29*

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

<sup>23</sup>“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the Lord, “and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the Lord. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord. <sup>25</sup>“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ <sup>26</sup>How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? <sup>27</sup>They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?”

declares the Lord. <sup>29</sup>“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

*Psalms 82*

*Response: Rise up, O God, and judge the earth.*

<sup>1</sup> God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the “gods”: <sup>2</sup> “How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? **R** <sup>3</sup> Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **R** <sup>5</sup> “The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **R** <sup>6</sup> “I said, ‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the Most High.’ <sup>7</sup> But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler.” <sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, and judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance. **R**

*Second reading: Hebrews 11:29–12:2*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. **12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw

off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*We stand for the* READING OF THE GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49–56*

<sup>49</sup> “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. <sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

*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 (340)

*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.**

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 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 HYMNS (66 and 67)

*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 and bow our heads for* THE BLESSING

*We remain standing for* THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (876)

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.*