



St Paul's Church

Parish Eucharist

26th October 2025

Last 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 (552)***

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: Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that

there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Psalm 84:1–7

*Response: **My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.***

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R**

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. **R**

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

We stand for the READING OF THE GOSPEL (Luke 18:9–14)

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his

breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Humbly asking for Our Lady's prayers, we say together: **Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, **pray for us.**

S. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, our patron, **pray for us.**

Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles, **pray for us.**

All you angels and saints, **pray for us.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.**

We stand for THE PEACE, *then sit to sing the* **OFFERTORY HYMN (29)**

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 and the Priest says: Pray, my friends, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *To which we all respond:* **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 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.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people! **Jesus Christ is holy! Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!**

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 (374)**

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 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 for ever. Amen.

We remain standing for **THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (32)**

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.

NOTICES

Next Sunday we will celebrate All Saints' Day and there will be an opportunity during Mass to remember people we have loved and who have been important to us, but whom we see no longer. Please take a label to prepare a message to hang on the tree of remembrance.

There will also be a deanery service for All Souls at 6pm next Sunday at St Mary, Newington. Fr John will be preaching.

Our regular mid-week bible study and prayer group takes place in the parish office on Wednesday at 10:30. Come and join us for breakfast, prayer, study, and fellowship.