

Welcome to this Trinity 20 Bible Sunday service
Proper 25 Communion Service



The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to Revd Steven, the hymns, music etc

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Bells: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72BE07EtLcY>

(Thanks to God whose word was spoken)

Welcome

Welcome our 32nd week of online services.

Hymn 1: lord thy word abideth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcghwj7zZZg>

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

**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.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *us*,
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and keep *us* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7C4DvKOqfE>

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

The Collect

**Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Reading 1 Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12

Read by Richard Sanders

<https://youtu.be/vatc3iBjgU>

¹ all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁴ Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

¹¹ The Levites calmed all the people, saying, 'Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.'

¹² Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song: Give me the Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7hn4YK2YFg>

Reading 2 Colossians 3.12-17 read by Debbie Sanders

https://youtu.be/er8qS7w_aCl

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 2 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svJuwYZIBIO>

Gospel Reading Matthew 24.30-35 Read by Tim Fox

https://youtu.be/dQyM1nf_Ulg

³⁰ Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

³² Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you; this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon by Revd Steven Poss

Nehemiah 8: 1-4, 8-12

Colossians 3: 12-17 - The New Life in Christ

Matthew 24: 30-35 - The Coming of the Son of Man

One of the challenges in reading the Bible are the long names! We have a classic example of this in our old

testament reading from Nehemiah, who is also a challenge to pronounce! In verse 4:-

“and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand”.

Try saying that quickly!

On this Bible Sunday, we are to reflect and reignite our passion for reading the Bible. The main purpose in reading the Bible is not only to learn about the history of God’s encounters with his people, but for God to speak to us in our lives today. This is especially important now, as we have more time indoors and we are perplexed about the future.

In verse 10, we have an example of this, where we hear:-

“for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength”.

We are not to be grieved in these days, but to have the joy of the Lord which is our strength.

And this is the key to reading the Bible, is that it is the help of the Lord Jesus Christ that can help us make sense of the words of the Bible through the Holy Spirit in which he sends to us and the grace and mercy he gives to us to live out what he teaches us in the Bible.

It is by reading the Bible that we learn more and more about God and our Lord Jesus Christ and the lengths he went to, to be our saviour and redeemer by sticking to his promises to those famous people of long ago, such as Adam, Abraham, Moses and Elijah who talk of his

coming. But God is not only these, he is also our creator, provider and sustainer, where we become new creations in Christ, where he brings us new life by the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In the Bible, we see an alternative world view to the one we live in, which is centred on love of God and of our neighbour. This alternative world view is the Kingdom of God in which Jesus came to bring to earth, as it is in Heaven, where God reigns over all and he will be the God of his people and we will be God's people now and for eternity.

God's word gently reminds us of his love and our sinful frailties. It pierces our hearts, brings repentance, gives ongoing reassurance and allows us to move closer to God. Then, as we learn to accept God's will for our lives, those tears of repentance vanish. They are swept away by joyous celebration as we come to recognise how God's protective arm has faithfully been at work in our lives, ever present, guiding and drawing us towards reconciliation.

It is in the Bible that we find God and find our ultimate hopes and dreams where there is forgiveness, mercy and peace that we need as human beings and find God's presence to dwell with us through his Holy Spirit and our ultimate hope of being with God in Heaven after our earthly lives, **Amen.**

Hymn 3 Bind us together Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuhIBLp5aHM>

Profession of faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

Amen

Chant: The Lord is my light (Taizé)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfmPOqOtms>



Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions: by David from the Bible society

*'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,
but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you
may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.
For then you will make your way prosperous, and then
you will have good success.'* Joshua 1.8

Prayer: Our Lord God, thank you for your guidance through the Scriptures. Help us to regularly search your word to gain more insight as to who you are and more understanding of your will for each one of us. Give us an increasing desire to read, obey, and find nourishment through the Bible. May the Lord bless all our leaders and congregations that form and enrich your church.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.' Luke 22.42

Christ's prayer in the garden of Gethsemane contains two aspects. An honest 'please do this for me', but then the crucial addition of 'let your will be done'. What might we learn if we prayed honestly and also with complete freedom, just as Jesus did?

Prayer: Heavenly father, guide each one of us to follow the prayerful example of your son, who gave everything so that we may possess eternal life. Help us follow in the steps of our Saviour and experience intimate prayer and fellowship with you.

Lord we pray for peace and good health in the world, we think of all the areas where there is disorder and we pray that you will heal all.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

'But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.'
Numbers 32.23

Sin may feel good for a moment, but it leads to separation from God. Moses reminded the people through the Law that God misses nothing.

Prayer: Thank you for being a God who sees all and who sees everything that we are. We praise you that though you see both good and bad, you sent your son to save and set each of us free. Help us to walk in loving obedience.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

'... And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints ...' Ephesians 6.17–18

Prayer: God, thank you for always hearing our prayers. We trust that you love us and are working all things together for good for those of us who love you. Guide each one of us in our prayers Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to pray often so that we may make a lasting difference in other people's lives through our intercession for them.

Loving God, send your healing to all who are suffering. Be with all who feel that, through failing health, they

cannot enjoy life as it used to be. May those who are learning to live a new pattern of life feel that you are walking beside them. We especially pray for the sick and suffering in our community and give you thanks for those who are on the road to recovery.

We pray for:

Carol Metcalfe
Silvia Chapman
Clive Bennett;
Jean Winn;
Carole Faulkner;
Jean Webber;
Margaret Cowell;
Andrew Jackson;
Beryl Dixon;
Cally Thorpe;
Josh Pitman;
Sue Wilson;
Georgia;
Andy Smith

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ especially at this season of remembrance, we remember those that have gone before us; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings and bounty. Help us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hymn 4 The Lord's my Shepherd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-elQQayhpak>

Revd Steven link;

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The Peace

May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you, wherever He may take you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing in the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

The Peace of our Lord be with you

All And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout
the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Giving of Communion

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after communion

**Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

To a troubled world
peace from Christ.

To a searching world
love from Christ.

To a waiting world
hope from Christ.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go, giving thanks to God

Revd Steven link ends

Final Hymn **Thou Whose Almighty Word**

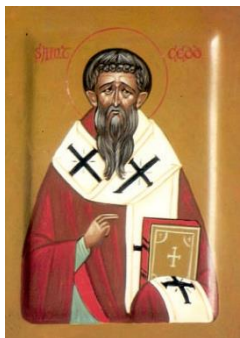
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On Monday we celebrate the feast day of St Cedd who died on 26 October 664 at Lastingham

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedd#:~:text=Cedd%20\(Latin%3A%20Cedda%2C%20Ceddus,within%20the%20Church%20in%20England.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedd#:~:text=Cedd%20(Latin%3A%20Cedda%2C%20Ceddus,within%20the%20Church%20in%20England.)

St Cedds Window Chelmsford Cathedral



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Bible Sunday video

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Spiritual Communion Via Zoom – 9am on Sunday 25th October 2020

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Spiritual Communion

Time: Oct 25, 2020 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72220562360?pwd=S0l1cllwQW5KbkVabUV4NS9tTS8wUT09>

Meeting ID: 722 2056 2360

Passcode: i6EbPx

A video of Dr Andrew Ollerton's preaching on Nehemiah
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spsolf2rUGg>

AT HOME SUNDAY RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/content/get_involved/bible_sunday/2020_resources/resources/Junior_2_02.pdf

Bible Study on Zoom – Monday 26th October 2020 –
7.30-9pm – Ezekiel Chapters 15 & 16

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom
meeting.

Topic: Bible Study - Ezekiel Chapters 15 and 16

Time: Oct 26, 2020 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76248922136?pwd=azVObjlmdmY3WGJHMEZteDJ6TU1FZz09>

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Westminster Abbey

Join us in the Abbey at 4:30pm on Sunday as our weekly organ recitals series continues. Our organ scholar, Charles Maxtone-Smith, will be performing a programme including music by Bach and Jackson. For more details and to book your ticket (free): <http://www.westminster-abbey.org/.../servi.../organ-recitals>

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