

Welcome to this 10th Sunday after Trinity Communion Service

Welcome

Hymn - Morning has broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fell, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

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

**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 heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent
in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always
to bring our prayers before you: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Reading 1 Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph

said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading 2 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Israel’s Rejection Is Not Final

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn – O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

1. O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at ev'ry eucharist to say,
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
3. We pray thee too for wand'ers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.



Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even

the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon by Revd Steven Poss

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



Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions: by Ella Hand

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Come, almighty King, and help us your name to sing, for you are a God of love.
Come, incarnate Word, and make known your wonders to our souls, for you
are a God of grace. Come, holy Comforter, and bear witness within every heart
that we belong to you, for you are a God who creates fellowship. Come, triune
God, that we might love and adore you all the days of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

As the farmers and growers around us harvest summer crops, let us gratefully
remember all who provide food for us. We are grateful for their commitment

and dedication, and for all those who have worked to keep us fed in this exceptional year. We thank you for the abundance and diversity of life we see daily around us, and we are reminded of our own responsibilities to care for this amazing world you have created.

We pray that all those with responsibilities for the health and well-being of others are both guided and comforted by you as they continue to make difficult decisions. Help them to make their choices wisely and thoughtfully, seeking what is best. We pray that leaders in our community, our country and around the world may work together for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The local community

Lord, as we join together in person and in as spirit as one church in your name, show us how to spread your word by our words and actions in our local communities. Help us to show your love through our daily lives that others may see. We pray in particular for the staff and residents in our local care homes as they continue their efforts to keep everyone in their homes safe. We pray for staff in our local schools as they prepare for the challenges and the changes of a new school year. We pray for all the families and carers who have cared for the most vulnerable members of our communities through these times. Grant them the gift of your peace, that they may know your blessing and love.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Those who suffer

Out of your great mercy, be gracious and refresh those within our community who are sick or awaiting surgery, especially those who we now name

Wyn Edwards
Cally Thorpe
Josh Pitman
Sue Wilson
Beryl Dixon
Georgia – Carley's sister
Shirley Mee
Andy Smith



Further may your mercy accompany those for whom the wounds of grief and sorrow are raw and painful, especially Archdeacon Elizabeth, Alan Baker, we pray for his wife Yvonne and his family, Ann Peskett, whose funeral was last week.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

A prayer for VJ Day

God our Father, in the dying and rising of your Son Jesus Christ, you have brought life and salvation out of cruelty and death. We mark Victory in Japan in gratitude for the courage of the Allied forces who suffered for freedom in the Far East campaign and in sorrow for all that hinders the coming of your kingdom of peace. Give us wisdom to learn from the bitter memories of war, and hearts that long for the unity of all nations. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, in whom there is no east or west, no north or south, but one fellowship of love across the whole earth. Amen.

The communion of saints

We remember St Cedd, St James, St Lawrence, St Nicholas St Peter and St Thomas at this time. May the lives of those who have gone before us be a shining example to inspire and strengthen us. We pray for Steven our Vicar and for all who support your work in our churches. We pray for your guidance as the process for selecting a new Bishop of Chelmsford continues. May we all join together as one church of Christ in your world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

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

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

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

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
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

Final Hymn - Bind us together

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.*

**There is only one God,
there is only one King.
There is only one Body,
that is why we sing:**

**Fit for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Blood,
born with the right to be free:
Jesus the vict'ry has won.**

**We are the fam'ly of God,
we are his promise divine,
we are his chosen desire,
we are the glorious new wine.**

Notices

Communion Services will now be taking place once a week within the joint benefice, this Sunday it will be at St Thomas' and next Sunday online only.

The Chapel services have restarted at 9am on Thursday mornings but please remember to bring a face covering if you are coming to this or any service.

Please note that Revd Steven is on holiday from 21-28 August.

The St Peter's Chapel Summer Evening Services will be online, see

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6204/service-and-events/events-regular/>