

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, 23rd August 2026

Organ music before the service begins – played by Alice Smith

W | Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952), A&M 421

Welcome and Introduction

Please remain standing.

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.

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.**

The Confession

The deacon then invites the people to confess their sins:

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
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.

Please sit or kneel.

**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.**

The presiding minister then proclaims God's absolution:

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

The Gloria (Setting: Mass of St Thomas – Thorne)

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so to sing the Gloria.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

The Collect

Please remain standing.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Romans 12.1-8, read by Ann Robinson

Please sit.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 138

Please remain seated. The congregation says the psalm together.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16.13-20

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so for the gospel reading, and turn to face the centre of the Nave, from where the gospel will be read.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter

answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, given by Edward Carter

Please sit.

Nicene Creed

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

**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.**

Intercessions, led by Rachel Hobson

Please sit or kneel.

This response may be used as part of the intercessions:

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

At the end of the intercessions these words may be used:

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

The Peace

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so as the deacon introduces the Peace:

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...

Daniel L Schutte (b 1947)
A&M 494

The Preparation of the Altar 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 Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing for the first part of the prayer if you're comfortable doing so.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

**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.**

Please sit or kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We invite you to say the Lord's Prayer in the language in which you're most comfortable.
The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying:*

As our Saviour taught us, so together 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.****

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.**

The Agnus Dei

**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.**

The president invites the people to receive communion, saying:

Jesus is 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 follow the guidance of the Sidespeople as you come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Those sitting in the side aisles are invited forward first, and then those in the central nave starting from the back. Please approach down the central aisle and return to your place using one of the side aisles. Communion is given at the chancel step in the form of a bread wafer (please ask if you require gluten-free) and wine from the shared chalice. Following national guidance issued for health reasons, please note it is not permitted to dip your wafer in the shared chalice. If you do not wish to drink from the shared chalice simply return to your place after receiving the wafer.

Communion Hymn

Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.



**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.**

***Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:**

**When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.**

**Keith Green (1953–1982) and Melody Green (b. 1946)
A&M 805**

Post Communion Prayers

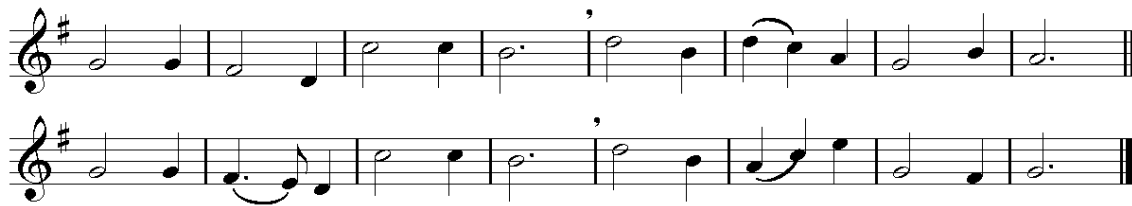
Please remain seated or kneeling.

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

Final Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so, turning to face the West end as the servers and ministers process out.



**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879)
A&M 787i

Final Blessing

The presiding minister uses these words:

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people using these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: played by Alice Smith

Caprice sur les grands jeux from Suite du Deuxième ton by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

*Please remain standing while the crucifer returns down the South Aisle to the Vestry.
You're then invited to sit for the organ voluntary, or feel free to depart.*

A collection is not being taken during the service at present, but if you wish to make a donation to the work of St Peter Mancroft please use the box or plate by the door, or the contactless donation point at the back of church, to give by card.

Following the service coffee is being served in the Octagon Room. Access is via the entrance on Hay Hill, for which please exit the church by the South door and head down the churchyard path. There are steps on this route – to avoid the steps please go out of the gate and down Hay Hill, re-entering the churchyard by the Octagon.

Major Sections of Matthew's Gospel

- **Prologue (Chapters 1–2)**
 - Genealogy of Jesus Christ
 - Birth and visit of the Magi
 - Flight to Egypt and return to Nazareth
- **Section 1: The Authority of the Messiah (Chapters 3–7)**
 - *Action:* John the Baptist, Baptism, and Temptation (Ch 3–4)
 - *Discourse:* **Sermon on the Mount** (Ch 5–7) — Kingdom ethics, the Beatitudes, and true righteousness
- **Section 2: The Power of the Kingdom (Chapters 8–10)**
 - *Action:* Healing miracles and calling of disciples (Ch 8–9)
 - *Discourse:* **Missionary Discourse** (Ch 10) — Instructions for the twelve apostles on preaching and persecution
- **Section 3: Hidden and Growing Kingdom (Chapters 11–13)**
 - *Action:* Opposition from religious leaders and growing division (Ch 11–12)
 - *Discourse:* **Parables of the Kingdom** (Ch 13) — Mysteries of the kingdom using agricultural and hidden treasure metaphors
- **Section 4: Life and Order in the Church (Chapters 14–18)**
 - *Action:* Walking on water, feeding multitudes, and Peter's confession (Ch 14–17)
 - *Discourse:* **Community Discourse** (Ch 18) — Humility, forgiveness, and church discipline
- **Section 5: Future Judgment and Consummation (Chapters 19–25)**
 - *Action:* Journey to Jerusalem, triumphal entry, and temple controversies (Ch 19–23)
 - *Discourse:* **Olivet Discourse** (Ch 24–25) — Signs of the end times and parables of readiness
- **Epilogue: Passion and Resurrection (Chapters 26–28)**
 - The Last Supper, arrest, trial, and crucifixion
 - The empty tomb and resurrection appearances
 - **The Great Commission** (Ch 28:18–20)

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