

# ST PETER'S & ALL SAINTS' CHURCHES, NOTTINGHAM

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

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Preacher: The Reverend Christopher Harrison

## INTRODUCTION

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

*The service is introduced*

**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 of sin and asking for God's forgiveness*

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

**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.**

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.**

## GLORIA

*recorded by individual members of the church choir in online collaboration*

***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**

*A special prayer for the day*

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through 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.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Listening to and reflecting on Scripture*

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*St Paul writes to the Christians in Rome about the salvation which comes through faith in Christ*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

*Romans 10.5-15*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus calls Peter to walk towards him on the waters of Lake Galilee*

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

*Matthew 14.22-33*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

### ANTHEM

*sung by the church choir in an online collaboration*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,

Make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only

That makest me dwell in safety.

*Music: SS Wesley (1810-1876)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dorothy Mountford

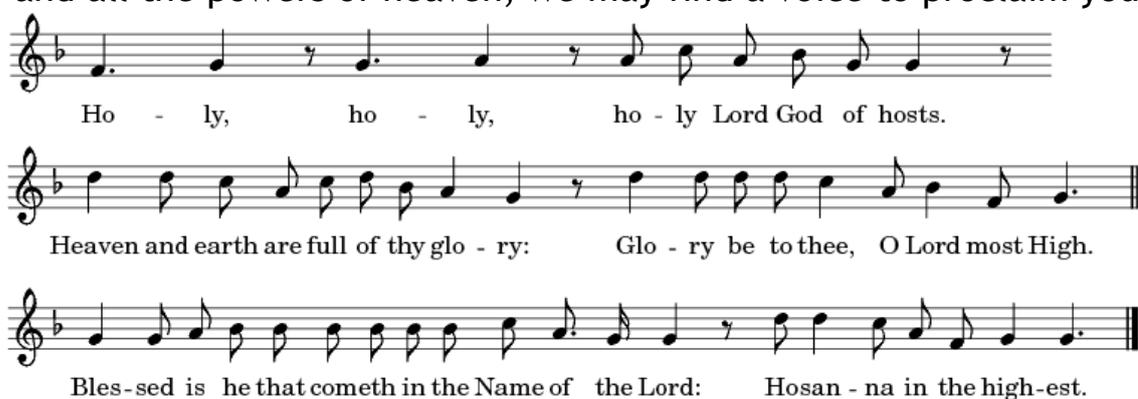
## THE PEACE

Since we cannot currently share the Peace face to face, I encourage you now to think of particular people in our churches and pray that God's peace will be upon them. Let us also pray that God's peace will be upon the whole world at this difficult time for us all.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised 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.

## GIVING THANKS FOR THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

From the beginning, O God, you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven, we may find a voice to proclaim your praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Bles - sed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosan - na in the high - est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, as we recall that through his body, broken for us, and by his blood, shed for us, we enjoy new life in Him. For in the same night that he was betrayed, 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, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and we look for the coming of your kingdom.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and as we remember his death and resurrection, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in his body, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

### HYMN

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| 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,<br>forgive our foolish ways;<br>re-clothe us in our rightful mind,<br>in purer lives thy service find,<br>in deeper reverence praise.  | 3. Drop thy still dews of quietness,<br>till all our strivings cease;<br>take from our souls the strain and stress,<br>and let our ordered lives confess<br>the beauty of thy peace.               |
| 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,<br>beside the Syrian sea,<br>the gracious calling of the Lord,<br>let us, like them, without a word,<br>rise up and follow thee. | 4. Breathe through the heats of our desire,<br>thy coolness and thy balm;<br>let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;<br>speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,<br>O still small voice of calm. |

## THE BLESSING

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.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Choral Song

*SS Wesley (1810-1876)*

*played by Peter Siepmann using the Hauptwerk pipe organ simulator*