

ST PETER'S & ALL SAINTS' CHURCHES, NOTTINGHAM

Sunday 30th August 2020
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Officiant & 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 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Listening to and reflecting on Scripture

NEW TESTAMENT READING

St Paul writes to the Church in Rome about the Christian life

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.9-end

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 tells the disciples that one must lose one's life in order to save it

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Matthew 16.21-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

sung by individual members of the church choir in online collaboration

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos: auxiliare nobis,
te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the world, save us;
for you have redeemed us
through the cross and your blood: help us,
we beseech you, our Lord.*

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lina Morgan

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's 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.

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.**

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN

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**1 Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow till
we've seen this journey through.**

**2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**5 When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**6 Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

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

Fugue in C major BWV 545

JS Bach (1685-1750)

played by Peter Siepmann using the Hauptwerk organ simulator