



Holy Communion

9.30am – Sun 17th August 2025

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!...

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Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And also with you**

Welcome – Rev John Lenton

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of
God's love, revealed in Word and
Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

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.

Assurance of forgiveness

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.

We 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

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.
All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ 'Am I only a God nearby,' declares
the Lord, 'and not a God far away?

²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I
cannot see them?' declares the Lord. 'Do
not I fill heaven and earth?' declares
the Lord.

²⁵ 'I have heard what the prophets say who
prophesy lies in my name. They say, "I had
a dream! I had a dream!" ²⁶ How long will
this continue in the hearts of these lying
prophets, who prophesy the delusions of
their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams
they tell one another will make my people
forget my name, just as their ancestors
forgot my name through Baal
worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a

dream recount the dream, but let the one
who has my word speak it faithfully. For
what has straw to do with grain?' declares
the Lord. ²⁹ 'Is not my word like fire,'
declares the Lord, 'and like a hammer that
breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

Arise O God and judge the earth.

¹ God has taken his stand in the council of
heaven; • in the midst of the gods he gives
judgement:

² 'How long will you judge unjustly • and
show such favour to the wicked?

³ 'You were to judge the weak and the
orphan; • defend the right of the humble
and needy;

Arise O God and judge the earth.

⁴ 'Rescue the weak and the poor; • deliver
them from the hand of the wicked.

⁵ 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness: • all the
foundations of the earth are shaken.

Arise O God and judge the earth.

⁶ 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
• and all of you children of the Most High,
⁷ 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals •
and fall like one of their princes.'

⁸ Arise, O God and judge the earth, • for it
is you that shall take all nations for your
possession.

Arise O God and judge the earth.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:17-12:3

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him,
offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had
embraced the promises was about to
sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even
though God had said to him, 'It is through
Isaac that your offspring will be
reckoned.' ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God
could even raise the dead, and so in a
manner of speaking he did receive Isaac
back from death.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the

sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – John Lenton

Faith that perseveres

Profession of Faith

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.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's table

In heavenly love abiding, 478

no change my heart shall fear;

and safe is such confiding,

for nothing changes here:

the storm may roar without me,

my heart may low be laid;

but God is round about me,

and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Anna Laetitia Waring

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give
thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, 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:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and
 power be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us.

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.

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in
the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one
 body, because we all share in one
 bread.

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 Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of
our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for
you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by
faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and
praise, that when we were still far off you
met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of
glory. May we who share Christ's body live
his risen life; we who drink his cup bring
life to others; we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world. Keep us firm in the
hope you have set before us, so we and all
your children shall be free, and the whole
earth live to praise your name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church family news

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart 386

Be all else but naught to me
save that Thou art

Be Thou my best thought
in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
be Thou my true word
Be Thou ever with me
and I with Thee Lord
Be Thou my great Father
and I Thy true son
Be Thou in me dwelling
and I with Thee one

Be Thou my breastplate
my sword for the fight
Be Thou my whole armour
be Thou my true might
Be Thou my soul's shelter
be Thou my strong tower
O raise Thou me heavenward
great Power of my power

Riches I need not nor man's empty praise
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always
Be Thou and Thou only
the first in my heart
O Sovereign of heaven
my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
Thou heaven's bright Sun
O grant me its joys after victory is won
Great Heart of my own heart
whatever befall
Still be Thou my vision O Ruler of all

Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and
be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on
you and give you peace; and the blessing
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All: **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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Readings for next Sunday

24th August – Trinity 10

Isaiah 58.9-14

Psalm 103.1-8

Hebrews 12.4-17

Luke 13.10-17

The week ahead

Sun 17 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 18 th		
Tues 19 th	7.30 for 8-9pm	Summer Midweek at the Lentons – Prayer Focus
Wed 20 th		
Thurs 21 st	10am-11am 11am-12noon 12 noon	Women's Bible Study Drop-In for Coffee Holy Communion
Fri 22 nd		
Sat 23 rd		
Sun 24 th	9.30am 11am 1pm	Holy Communion Morning Service LCM Training and Visiting

Looking ahead

Sun 24th August and Sunday 21st September – The London City Mission team will join us and there will be an opportunity to be trained over lunch and do some street visiting afterwards

Thinking about Regular Giving..



Recently we asked everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their regular giving or begin a pattern of giving regularly if not doing so already. More details available in the “Giving Guide” on the table in church or on the church website.

Sermon Series for the Summer



We are looking at the Life of Faith from **Hebrews 11-13**

Summer Midweeks in August

Tuesday Bible Study - We will be running a weekly Bible study on 5th(Prayer Focus for First Tuesday), 12th, 19th and 26th August (All Tuesday evenings). This will be at the Lentons, 31A Kings Ave, N10 1PA. Come from 7:30pm for cake and tea/coffee, then Bible study will be from 8-9pm. Even if you aren't currently in a midweek group, please come along and check it out!



Thursday Drop In's –

On 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th August (All Thursday mornings) we will be hosting a women's bible study from 10-11am then a coffee time drop in from 11-12noon at the church. Followed by our midweek service of Holy Communion at 12noon.



Summer Sundays

On Sundays in August, we will be running Summer Sundays for Creche and Grace Gang. They will all be in together in the hall, with a mix of leaders. Youth will not be running during these dates.