*Eucharist for 7th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 12, Year A, 26.07.2020*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn All my hope on God is founded*

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

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.

**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.**

*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*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

*The Collect*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,   
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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*

*First Reading* 1 Kings 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask what I should give you.’ And Solomon said, ‘You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading*

Romans 8: 26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*The Creed*

**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*

*In the Diocesan Calendar we pray for St Michael & All Angels w St Stephen, Wandsworth. For Stephen Melluish (V); Timothy Armstrong (AsstC); Richard Boothroyd (AssocM); Patricia Taylor (AsstP)*

*In the Anglican Communion Calendar, we pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now, as they consider the implications of the event’s postponement in light of the COVID-19 pandemic*

*In the Christ Church calendar, we pray for all those who live in Moordown.*

*We also pray for all whose year’s mind falls at this time.*

God, as you have called us to fulfil your purpose, work in us and through us to do your will.

Make us the people you want us to be. Guide us to do what you would have us do.

We pray for all who are seeking to grow in the faith, for all seekers, and enquirers.

God, your will be done,

**your kingdom come in us.**

We pray for all who are suffering hardship or persecution, all who are in peril or danger.

Strengthen all who seek to bring in your kingdom

by striving for peace, for justice, for liberty.

May we be conquerors of darkness and evil through the God who loves us.

God, your will be done,

**your kingdom come in us.**

We give thanks for those who have shared with us the riches of the kingdom,

for those who have been examples to us, for those who have taught us the faith.

We pray for all who seek to pass on these riches in their homes and in the community.

God, your will be done,

**your kingdom come in us.**

We pray for all who are suffering through tyranny, violence and injustice.

We pray for all who have been injured through accidents, for all who have fallen into sickness, for those losing agility or mobility, for all healers and comforters

God, your will be done,

**your kingdom come in us.**

We give thanks that in Christ we are more than conquerors.

In him you have brought us to the great riches of the kingdom.

We pray for the saints and the faithful departed, especially for all those who have died as the result of the current pandemic and for all those whose year’s mind falls at this time,

that we may all be one with you in your eternal kingdom.

God, your will be done,

**your kingdom come in us.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

*Hymn Father, I place into your hands*

Father, I place into your hands, the things I cannot do.  
Father, I place into your hands the things that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands the way that I should go, for I know I always can trust you.  
  
Father, I place into your hands my friends and family.  
Father, I place into your hands the things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands the person I would be, for I know I always can trust you.  
  
Father, we love to see your face, we love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise and in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you and in your presence rest, for we know we always can trust you.  
  
Father, I want to be with you and do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words that you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones that you will draw to you, for I know that I am one with you.

*Preparation of the Altar*

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning,*

*and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,*

*giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;*

*you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.*

*Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,*

*and made us a people for your own possession.*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

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 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, and 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.**

*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 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.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Giving of Communion*

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.**

*Quiet Music: Peace I leave (The truth that sets us free)*

*Prayer after Communion*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Then we pray together:*

**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.**

**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.**

*The Dismissal*

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.**

*Hymn One more step*

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go.

From the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you

*And it’s from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn.

All the new things that I see you’ll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should.

Where I see no way to go, you’ll be telling me the way, I know

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough.

Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me.

Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.

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