

WORSHIP - 15th AFTER TRINITY - 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

*Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, and Evensong at St Edmund's at 6 pm.
Peter is leading the Zoom service, and preaching.*

Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFV7y3jH8dY>

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

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.

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.

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.**

The Gloria - Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbziz>

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 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 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 in the highest.**

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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.

New Testament lesson - James 3.1-12 - is printed on the blue noticessheet

Hymn - Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csjkP4X0Ve0>

Gospel - Mark 8.27-38 - is printed on the blue noticessheet

Address - a sermon from Peter is on the website

The Nicene 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.

Anthem – It is a thing most wonderful - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN7pIZH6S2w>

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God, we want to stand with the Apostle Peter and proclaim “you are the Messiah”. We have that faith, and for many years have sought to follow you. Even when we find it hard to believe, hard to proclaim, help us to know that you are the Messiah. Help us to walk in faith and love, seeking to be your people in this world. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we want others to share our faith, to know you as their Messiah, to journey with to be your people in this world. We are not good at talking about our faith, explaining why faith matters, encouraging others to be people of faith. Lord, help us in our words and our actions to help proclaim your presence in our world, and help people find a personal faith. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for so many contacts we have, in our lives and in our churches. We pray for Faye and Jason married in St Edmund's yesterday, for all our weddings couples and baptism families. Thank you for them and their faith, help us to celebrate with them, to rejoice with them, to learn from their faith and their journeys. Help us to share with them our faith in you, our purpose, our life, as a church, so we can share your journey together. We pray for the life of our diocese, our bishops Libby and Malcolm, the life of our Allestree Churches. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our teachers, for our schools. After just a week back, life in the classroom is not easy. We give thanks for those who are enthusiastic, and pray for those struggling to fulfil their vocation in our difficult world. We pray for our young people and their families. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world. On this anniversary weekend we remember those killed on 9/11, and in the wars it led to. For those who live with their memories, and their injuries, every day. For the peoples of Afghanistan, and so many other areas of oppression and violence. For war zones where generations have been blighted by hatred and violence. For areas where the changing climate is making it almost impossible to survive. For men, women and children who are trying to escape from starvation and violence – and find that no one wants

them. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own country. Where the pandemic has seen the number of food banks increase – and the number of people who are billionaires has increased as well. A country where some have huge wealth, and for others a benefit cut of £20 will mean hunger. A country that struggles to care – where care services are on the point of collapse, and the NHS is struggling to keep up with demand. Forgive us Lord that we have lost our way, that our Christian values are ignored. May we, somehow, turn back to you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families and our friends. For those we are especially concerned about, we name them before you. We remember friends who have died, and we hold them in our love and our prayers. We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus 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.

Hymn - Will you come and follow me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk6IUalJ3sk>

The Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your backs,
may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields
and, until we meet again, may God hold us in the palm of His hand.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final music - David, our St Edmund's organist, has recorded "War March of the Priests" by Felix Mendelssohn for our zoom service. Here is the same piece -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-spNrIHQoA>

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