

WORSHIP - 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 22 AUGUST 2021

*Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am, and Evensong in St Edmund's at 6 pm.
Julie is leading the Zoom service, Clive is preaching and praying.*

Hymn - Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idAoS7at3nQ>

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

**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.

New Testament lesson - Ephesians 6.10-20 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - Christ is made the sure foundation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXJ0chKWNbA>

Gospel - John 6.56-69 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Address - sermons from Clive and from Peter are 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 – The Call - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAnWzyOMBwg>

Words: George Herbert, music: Richard Lloyd

sung by St Martin's Voices

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Prayers of Intercession, written by Clive Lemmon

We give thanks today for all those who have led us in the way of faith, the great exemplars of the past, like Saint Peter, the church tradition in which we have grown up and lived and those who have taught us, by word and example. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer for their faith. For all believers who, seeking truth, find persecution. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the places suffering from the effects of natural disaster, and adverse weather events..... We acknowledge that much of the suffering is due to mankind's heedlessness, whether by contributing to climate change, or making insufficient provision to protect the weakest and most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering directly from human cruelty – those caught up in war, those who find themselves refugees, those who cannot find safe lodging. We pray for those who have too little in societies where all around them everyone else has more than enough. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, whose lot it is to make decisions that affect thousands and millions. We pray especially for those who are ill-equipped to make the decisions demanded of them. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parishes of S. Edmund and S. Matthew, that they may be places where faith flourishes and where God is known. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are uneasy, those who are despairing and those who are sick. We remember especially Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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 - Ye holy angels bright - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAwTDwbVM3o>

The Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Final music - David, our St Edmund's organist, marries Karen this afternoon. On the front page of the church website, watch him play "I'm getting married in the morning" and hold them both in our love and prayers.

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