

WORSHIP - 17th AFTER TRINITY - 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Hymn - Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNILEl8rkSA>

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 God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
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 5.13-end - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - Through all the changing scenes of life - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBkorDtz1nU>

Gospel - Mark 9.38-end - is printed on the blue noticesheet

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 - Beati quorum via - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBZj_kMhjRI

Words: Psalm 119.1, Music: Charles Villers Stanford, sung by St Martin's Voices

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.
Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God, who made all that there is to function and flourish so wonderfully, we, and the world that we know, seems so strewn with stumbling blocks that we scarcely know where to turn for comfort, reassurance and guidance, and so we turn to you. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church, throughout the world. In some places her people are persecuted, in some her message is treated with indifference, in others her own voice is divided. Make your message plain to all who claim to follow Jesus, so that they can, by their words and in their lives, negotiate the stumbling blocks of life and blaze a trail along the steep and rugged pathway that leads to You.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parish churches of S. Edmund and S. Matthew, that they may be truly welcoming places where no obstacles to faith are found. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We think of the world today, and all the stumbling blocks that seem to litter the path into the future. We think of the threat of Climate Change, the continuing misery caused by the current pandemic, the consequences of rapidly rising fuel prices, and we recognise the interconnectedness of all these, and many, many more things and fear that it is all too complicated to unravel. Yet we think too of the power of human ingenuity and the ability of human kindness to put right what has gone amiss and so we pray for a coming together to find solutions, safe ways round the stumbling blocks to lead to the flourishing of all creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray especially for our leaders, and for all those in authority, that they might see clearly where the common good lies, and prove safe guides as we negotiate the obstacle course of the current times.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for particular situations, close to home and further away, where life is particularly difficult and

uncertain..... We pray for those who work to bring relief and those who strive to eradicate injustice.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives at this time are difficult and beset by infirmity and sickness. We remember especially Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn, for those at the point of death, and for those who have died

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, that we might negotiate safely the stumbling blocks in our lives, and be the people that God would have us be. 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 - Lift up your hearts! We lift them, Lord, to thee -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VgstO9zT1Y>

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 us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final music - Geoff, one of our St Matthew's organists, has recorded "Two part invention No. 2 in c minor BWV 773" J.S. Bach Here is the same piece played by the ten year old Kanji Daito

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrJ2KPqWx3U>

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