

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 20th September 2026
St Peter Mancroft Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Welcome to this service, which is also being live-streamed on the St Peter Mancroft YouTube channel. A hearing loop is available for use. Please join us for refreshments in the Octagon Room after the service.

Organ music before the service begins – played by Julian Haggett, Organist
Méditation by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Short notices are given just before 10.00am.

Processional Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
based on Luke 1.46-55 (*Magnificat, The Song of Mary*)
A&M 394

Welcome and Introduction

Please remain standing.

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of preparation

**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.**

The Confession

The deacon then invites the people to confess their sins:

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.

Let us confess our failure to receive with gratitude God's gift of creation,
and repent of the ways in which we have caused it harm.

Please sit or kneel, and join in saying the words in bold:

You laid the foundations of the earth,
but we have claimed your world as our own.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All things were created through you and for you,
but we have not lived as those who belong to you.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make all things new,
but our hope has grown dim.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister then proclaims God's 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 (Setting: Communion Service in F - Darke)

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the Gloria.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory:
O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Please remain standing.

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First reading: Philippians 1.21-30, read by Rosalind Wright

Please sit.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 145.1-8

Please remain seated as the choir sings the psalm. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.



Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness.

They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 20.1-16

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so for the gospel reading, and turn to face the centre of the Nave, from where the gospel will be read.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, given by Catherine Waddams

Please sit.

Nicene Creed

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

**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.**

Intercessions, led by Helena Carr

Please sit or kneel.

This response may be used as part of the intercessions:

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

At the end of the intercessions these words may be used:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so as the deacon introduces the Peace:

You shall go out in joy and be led back into peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



**Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.**

**Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.**

**Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.**

**May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo (354–430)
A&M 709

The Preparation of the Altar Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
by your goodness the world was formed and filled with plenty.
As we set before you this bread and wine,
teach us gratitude for your gifts
and make us faithful stewards of your creation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing for the first part of the prayer if you're comfortable doing so.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 and good, always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For by your word the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of your mouth.

You formed us in your image, the crown of your creation,
and entrusted us with the works of your hands.

In your great goodness you sent your Son, the firstborn of all creation,
who holds all things together in himself,
and through whom you make all things new.
You have given us the first-fruits of the Spirit,
as creation itself waits with eager longing
to obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.

And so, with angels and archangels and with all that you have made,
we join the song of your glory, forever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Please sit or kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We invite you to say the Lord's Prayer in the language in which you're most comfortable.
The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying:*

As our Saviour taught us, so together we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

*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.***

The Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.*

The president invites the people to receive communion, saying:

*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.***

Please follow the guidance of the Sidespeople as you come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Those sitting in the side aisles are invited forward first, and then those in the central nave starting from the back. Please approach down the central aisle and return to your place using one of the side aisles. Communion is given at the chancel step in the form of a bread wafer (please ask if you require gluten-free) and wine from the shared chalice. Following national guidance issued for health reasons, please note it is not permitted to dip your wafer in the shared chalice. If you do not wish to drink from the shared chalice simply return to your place after receiving the wafer.

Communion Anthem: Walk humbly with your God - Archer

Communion Hymn

Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.



**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
and on that cross as Jesus died,
his arms of love were opened wide —
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)
A&M 678

Post Communion Prayers

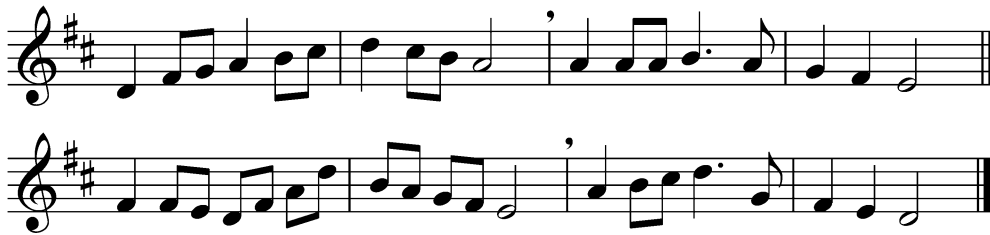
Please remain seated or kneeling.

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Final Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so, turning to face the West end as the servers and ministers process out.



**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

**King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**

**We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

James Quinn, SJ (1919–2010)
A&M 475

Final Blessing

The presiding minister uses these words:

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.**

Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people using these words:

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

Organ Voluntary: played by Zihuan Zhou, Organ Scholar

Tuba Tune in D by Craig S. Lang (1881-1971)

Please remain standing while the crucifer and choir return down the South Aisle to the Vestry. You're then invited to sit for the organ voluntary, or feel free to depart.

A collection is not being taken during the service at present, but if you wish to make a donation to the work of St Peter Mancroft please use the box or plate by the door, or the contactless donation point at the back of church, to give by card.

Following the service coffee is being served in the Octagon Room. Access is via the entrance on Hay Hill, for which please exit the church by the South door and head down the churchyard path. There are steps on this route – to avoid the steps please go out of the gate and down Hay Hill, re-entering the churchyard by the Octagon.

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