



The Eighth Sunday *after* Trinity

Sunday 26 July 2026, 11am

President: **The Revd Nicol Kinrade**
Preacher: **Martin Carr**

WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at **www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate**



Thank you.

Security Notice

We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

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Music before the Service
Canzonetta – Leonard Butler (1869-1943)
Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.

Michael Perry (1942-1996) Tune: Quem Pastores Laudavere

Welcome and introduction

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation

All **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

Prayers of Confession

Dcn 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.

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.

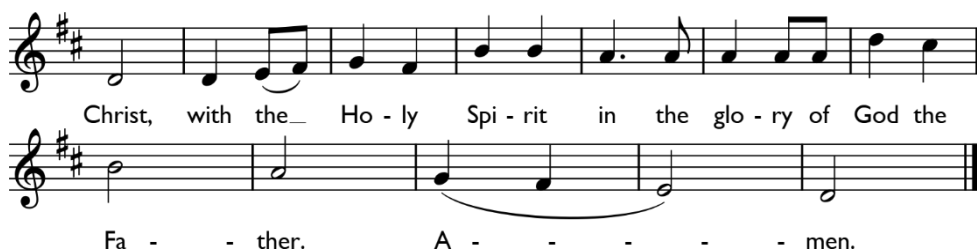
Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
 we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
 both our hearts and bodies
 in the ways of your laws
 and the works of your commandments;
 that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
 we may be preserved in body and soul;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading | Kings 3.5-12

Read by Dulce Merritt

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

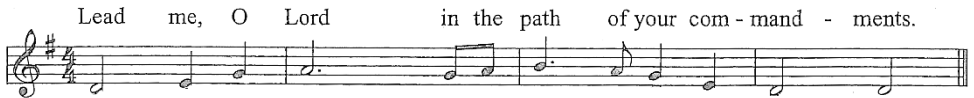
discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119.129-136

Sung by Dorothy Lawrence



Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R/**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those
who love your name. **R/**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.
Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments. **R/**

Show the light of your countenance
upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your law. **R/**

Second Reading Romans 8.26-end

Read by David Risley

Likewise 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Please stand and face the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them 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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Martin Carr

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

All **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.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by The Revd Nicol Kinrade

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

At the end:

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

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Dcn Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

**Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire,
thy work of grace we sing;
Redeemer of the world art thou,
its Maker and its King.**

**How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free!**

**But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.**

**O may thy mighty love prevail
our sinful souls to spare;
O may we stand around thy throne,
and see thy glory there.**

**Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now
and through eternity.**

**All praise to thee who art gone up
triumphantly to heaven;
all praise to God the Father's name,
and Holy Ghost be given.**

Jesu, nostra redemptio (Latin, c. 8th century) based on translation by John Chandler (1906-1876)

Tune: Metzler's Redhead No 66

The Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

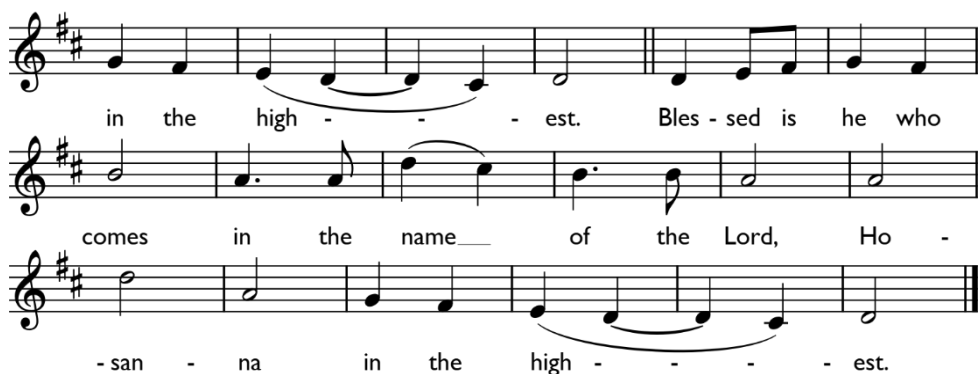
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:





Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Dcn Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei



Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us – *Word and music Stephen Dean*

Post-Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.

All **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.

Notices

The Dismissal

Final Hymn

Please stand.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout:
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1632) Tune: Luckington

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Music after the Service

Alla Minuetto – Leonard Butler (1869-1943)

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

Bowls in a Fragile World

Spatial – Temporal – Spiritual

Our new exhibition by eco-artist, Debra Shipley, is now complete. You can find items displayed in the baptistry, around the church and in the Crypt.

Debra is currently the Artist-in-Residence at the Shrine of Julian of Norwich and her exhibition 'Bowls in a Fragile World' is located here in All Hallows from June until the end of October. The collection has been created to reflect upon aspects of the environmental issues that surround us, both locally and globally.



Future dates

We have several events coming up. Please keep the following in your diary:

- **Bowls in a Fragile World** There will be a private view of the exhibition, Artist Debra Shipley will be talking about the works and a performance by The Collective Choir *on Tuesday 15 September, 5.30pm*
- **Tower Hill in Tudor Times** This rearranged talk by Author GJ Williams who writes Tudor era mysteries with one of our famous residents as her detective – Dr John Dee. During the talk, she will walk us through Tower Ward as he would have seen it, the society he navigated and the ever present shadow of the Tower of London. *Thursday 24 September, 5.30pm*
- **Harvest Service** We will be joined by the Temple City Singers for a special service. *Saturday 3 October, 12.30pm*
- **Harvest Festival Eucharist** The Harvest celebrations continue with the Sung Eucharist *Sunday 4 October, 11am*



Two Cities Eco Tip

Wash clothes in cold water. Not only does it save water by washing clothes in cold water, colours last longer and clothes retain their size and shape.

Carbon Literacy for Congregations

All Hallows will be hosting a day course for the churches in the two cities. The day is being funded by the Church of England Environment Programme, and will share practical ideas to help churches reach net zero carbon by 2030. The course will be on **Saturday 12 September**, 10am-5pm.



Please scan the code or visit <https://bit.ly/4vUIAWn> to sign up for the day, or contact Michael in the office if you need any support.

People's Emergency Briefing

On Tuesday 22 September at 6.30pm we will be screening the film People's Emergency Briefing. The film includes leading academics unpacking the climate emergency and its potential effects. It will be followed by a discussion and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to this important event.

The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm

Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church.
Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on YouTube.

Monday 27 July

12 noon Friends of the Diocese of
Cyprus and the Gulf
Eucharist. Preacher: Bishop
Sean Semple, Bishop of
Cyprus and the Gulf

Wednesday 29 July

6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 30 July

8.30am Said Eucharist

Sunday 2 August: Lammas Sunday

11am Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

Taizé Prayer – Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place **in church and online**. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection.

If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online,
you can view the livestream at **ahbtt.org.uk/livestream**.

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9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

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