

## **OOS 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Trinity 3- HC**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our service of Holy Communion on this Third Sunday after Trinity. Whether you are a regular member of our church family, a visitor, or joining us for the first time, we are delighted that you are here. As an Anglican community in France, we gather today from different places, backgrounds, and journeys of faith, yet we come together as one people of God.

Today we are reminded of God's loving invitation to bring our joys, our concerns, and our whole selves into his presence. May this time of worship, prayer, and fellowship refresh us, strengthen us, and draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

We keep a moment of silence, placing ourselves in God's presence.

*(Silence)*

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

**(All): Amen.**

### **A CALL TO WORSHIP:**

To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

**(All) Listen to our voices and answer.**

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**(All) God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.**

So let us glorify God's holy name together!

**(All) We come to worship God in love and faithfulness.**

### **Opening Hymn: #7 All creatures of our God and King**

#### **Invitation to Confession – *please be seated***

We think about the Amazing Grace of God, and spend a moment remembering the times when we have not brought honour to God by our words and behaviour (pause)

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**(All) save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**(All) save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**(All) save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**(All) save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**(All) save us and help us.**

### **The Absolution**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

### **The Collect for The third Sunday after Trinity**

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**(All) Amen**

### **The First Reading – ROMANS 6:1-11 (NRSVUE)**

#### **Dying and Rising with Christ**

**6** What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase?  
<sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of  
us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we  
were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the  
dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have  
been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a  
resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body  
of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has  
died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with  
him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no  
longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the  
life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and  
alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**(All) Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24 – 39** *Please stand if you are able*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever. (*John 6.51*)

**(All) Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**(All) Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

**Whom to Fear**

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

<sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

**Not Peace, but a Sword**

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily – Rev. Elisabeth Dean**

**The Nicene Creed – Please stand if you are able**

**(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.

**Intercessory Prayer – *Please be seated.***

Heavenly Father, trusting in your love revealed through Jesus Christ, and confident that you hear the prayers of your people, we bring before you our prayers for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

**God of compassion and courage,**

In our weakness, you are our strength.

In our sorrows, you are our comfort and peace.

We thank you for your embracing presence in our lives,  
and we bring before you each situation we carry today, trusting in your steadfast love.

We thank you for moments of joy that break into our lives,  
for love given and received,  
for friends who fill our lives with meaning and happiness,  
and for family who embrace us with love and understanding.

We remember before you those who cannot feel joy today:  
those who are estranged from family or friends,  
those feeling the strain as the cost of living rises,  
and those facing any kind of loss.

**God of all creation,**

We turn to you in prayer for the people in our communities, both friend and stranger.  
Draw us into deeper relationships that open doors to connection, respect, and  
understanding among our neighbours.

We give thanks for your abundant gifts and for the resources that support those facing  
difficulties in our communities and across the world.

Challenge those who govern to listen to, and respond to, the needs of those they serve.  
Challenge us to commit to international efforts to preserve the earth, to resist the  
inhumanity of war, and to work for peace with justice.

Guide leaders to create fair policies that protect vulnerable people and uphold the  
dignity of every person.

**Eternal God,**

We thank you for your people in every age  
who have entered into your heavenly presence,  
especially those who are dear to our own hearts.

We give thanks for the memories that remain with us,  
for love and laughter shared,  
and for the wisdom and lessons they have given us.

Hear us now as we offer our prayers in silence  
for the concerns we carry in our hearts this day...

*We keep a moment of quiet for our own personal prayers*

Merciful father,

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

***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

***The Peace - Please stand***

We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

All who are baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament.  
If you are not baptised you are welcome to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to  
your sides or crossed across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please raise  
your hand if this is your preference.

**Offertory Hymn: #640 The Church's one foundation**

***The Prayer of Preparation – Please remain standing if you are able***

Generous and gracious God,  
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;  
and bless everyone who offers them to you.

**(All) Amen**

**The Eucharistic Prayer B**

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.**

Father we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**(All) Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

***Please be seated***

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**(All) Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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**

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**(All) 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.**

### **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.**

### ***The Agnus Dei is said***

**(All) Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**(All) Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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**Prayer after Communion - *Silence is kept.***

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**(All) Amen.**

**Notices:**

Refreshments  
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**Closing Hymn: The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghose. Amen.

**The Dismissal**

*Blessing*

Go in faithfulness, ready to serve God,  
trusting that God counts your life as precious.  
And may God bless you and keep you,  
may God's face shine upon you,  
and may God grant you grace and peace  
now and evermore.

**(All) Amen.**

Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

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