

OOS 28th June 2026 – Trinity 4 - HC

Good morning and welcome to our Holy Communion service on this 4th Sunday after Trinity. As we gather around God's table, we remember Christ's love and the new life we have through Him. Today's reading from Romans reminds us that we are called to live as God's people, not as slaves to sin, but as servants of righteousness. May this time of worship draw us closer to God and encourage us in our journey of faith.

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:

Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

(All) We offer our praise in songs of joy.

God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens

(All) We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

(All) We will give Glory now and always!

Opening Hymn: #275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Invitation to Confession – *please be seated*

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

(All) God of mercy;

as we gather to celebrate your gift of love

we recall with sorrow

the times when we forget you

and are divided one from the other.

How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions,

have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us.

Forgive us, merciful God.

Mend what is broken.

Heal the wounded relationships

that separate us from you and one another;

through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

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.
(All) Amen.

The Collect for The fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The First Reading – ROMANS 6:12-23 (NRSVUE)

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments^[a] of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments^[b] of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves of Righteousness

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations.^[c] For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42 *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.

Rewards

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
(All) Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily – Suzanne Bray

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.

Holy God,

you have called us from darkness into the freedom of life in Christ. Help us to offer ourselves to you each day, not as people ruled by selfish desires, but as servants of your love and righteousness. May your Spirit shape our hearts so that our lives reflect your goodness and grace.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Faithful God,

we pray for your Church throughout the world. Strengthen all who seek to follow Christ, that we may live as people set free by your love. Help us to welcome others with open hearts, remembering your promise that those who welcome your servants welcome Christ himself. May our words and actions reveal your kingdom of peace.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Creator God,

we pray for the nations of the world, especially where people are trapped by violence, oppression, hatred and fear. Where the power of sin brings suffering and division, raise up those who work for justice, reconciliation and peace. Turn the hearts of leaders and communities towards the freedom and dignity you desire for all people.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Loving Father,

we pray for our neighbours, our workplaces and our communities. Teach us to see every person as someone made in your image and loved by you. Give us generous hearts to welcome the stranger, support those in need, and offer even the smallest acts of kindness in the name of Christ.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God,

we pray for those who carry heavy burdens: those who are ill, anxious, lonely or grieving. May they know the comfort of your presence and the hope of your promise. Make us willing to be your instruments of care, bringing encouragement, practical help and friendship to those around us.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Merciful God,

we remember before you all those whose lives are marked by war, famine, poverty and injustice. We pray for those who suffer and for those who have died in the conflicts of this world. May your kingdom of peace come, and may all people discover the freedom and life that are found in you.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

you have given us the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out strengthened by your Spirit, ready to serve you in the world. May we offer our lives in love, welcome others with kindness, and become faithful witnesses to your transforming grace.

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy:

(All) Hear our prayer.

Merciful father,

(All) Accept these prayers

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

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: #673 There is a Redeemer

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.

Prayer after Communion - *Silence is kept.*

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Ghost. Amen.

The Dismissal

Blessing

Keep your eyes open as you walk in God's world,
alert for occasions to share God's love.

And may the God who made us,
The Christ who mends us,
And the Spirit who gives us life
walk with you each and every day.

(All) Amen.

Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.