

OOS 16th August 2026 – Trinity 11 – HC

WELCOME

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:

(Leader) Come, let us worship God, our refuge and our home.

(All) We will put our trust in God, who is always with us.

(Leader) Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

(All) We will place our hope in him and follow his way.

(Leader) Let us rejoice in the presence of the living God.

(All) We will praise God, whose love guides us and whose presence never leaves us.

Opening Hymn: #449 Love divine, all loves excelling

Invitation to Confession – *please be seated*

God calls us to dwell in his presence, yet too often we have wandered from his ways and allowed fear and doubt to trouble our hearts. Christ calls us to trust in him, for he is the way, the truth and the life. Therefore, let us turn again to God, who welcomes us home, and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

**(All) Merciful God,
we confess that we have not always lived as you have taught us.
Forgive us when we have failed to welcome others into our community,
when fear and prejudice have caused us to avoid others,
and when we have judged people unfairly.
Show us your ways, and help us to follow Christ,
the way, the truth and the life.
Open our hearts to your presence,
and help us to see your goodness in those who seem different from us.
Teach us to welcome others as you welcome us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

While it is true that we have all sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God,
I say, be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

The Collect for the eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,
the end of our searching,

help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

(All) Amen

The First Reading – PSALM 84 (NIVUK)

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place,
Lord Almighty!
- ² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young –
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.^[c]
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.^[d]
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Look on our shield,^[e] O God;
look with favour on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favour and honour;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose way of life is blameless.
- ¹² Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-7 (NIVUK)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(All) Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus comforts his disciples

14 ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Jesus the way to the Father

⁵Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’
⁶Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.’

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

Homily – Reverend Canon Gary Wilton

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.

Response at the end of each prayer

(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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace - Please stand

Christ has broken down every barrier that divides us. In him we are welcomed, forgiven, and made one people, called to honour God and one another.

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: #458 Man of sorrows, what a Name

Prayer – *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 Communion

Please be seated.

The Lord is here.

(All) His Spirit is with us.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**(All) You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**(All) He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**(All) Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**(All) Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**(All) As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**(All) Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

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.**

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.**

People come forward to receive communion

Prayer after Communion - *Silence is kept.*

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All) Amen.

Notices:

Refreshments
CCL Update
Next Week – Holy Communion

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

As you go into the week ahead,
may you know the presence of God with you.
May his love guide your steps,
his peace calm your hearts,
and Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life,
lead you wherever you go.
May your lives reflect his love,
so that others may find welcome and hope in him.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

(All) Amen

Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.