

OOS 23rd August 2026 – Trinity 12 – 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) Let us come together in unity and love.

(All) We are one in Christ, and God calls us to live as one.

(Leader) Let us rejoice in the goodness of living together in peace.

(All) We will love one another, as Christ has loved us.

(Leader) Jesus prayed that all who believe in him may be one.

(All) Let us worship God, whose love unites us and draws us into his presence.

Opening Hymn: #560 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Invitation to Confession – *please be seated*

God calls us to live together in love and unity, yet too often we allow fear, prejudice and division to separate us from one another. Christ prayed that all who follow him may be one, united in the love of God. Therefore, let us turn to God, seeking his forgiveness and grace, and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

**(All) Merciful God,
we confess that we have not always lived in the unity and love you desire.
You call us to love one another,
but too often we allow differences, fears and divisions to separate us.
You have given each of us gifts to share in your service,
but too often we leave the work to others.
Forgive us when we choose the easy way,
and renew in us the desire and courage to serve.
Make us one in your love,
so that our lives may reflect the love of Christ.
Amen.**

The Absolution

Hear the good news!

Christ has prayed that we may be one,
united in the love of God.

In his mercy, God forgives us
and restores us to fellowship with him and with one another.
Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Let us therefore go forward in peace,

seeking unity, showing love,
and living as one in Christ.

Amen.

The Collect for the twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All) Amen

The First Reading – PSALM 133 (NIVUK) *(Read by Revd. Gary)*

A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
² It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life for evermore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26 (NIVUK) *(Read by Ruby)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

(All) Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prays for all believers

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you^[a] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

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

Homily – Revd. 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. (Led by Marie Christine)

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: #624 Take my life and let it be



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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.

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All) Amen.

Notices:

Refreshments
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

Go into the week in the love of Christ.
Seek peace with one another,
and let his love be seen in all that you do.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you, now and always.

(All) Amen

Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord
(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.