

OOS 30th August 2026 – Trinity 13 – 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 the God who knows us completely.

(All) We come with open hearts, knowing that we are known and loved.

(Leader) God is with us wherever we go;

(All) We cannot journey beyond the reach of his presence

(Leader) Jesus reminds us that we are precious in God's sight.

(All) Let us worship with thankful hearts, for his love surrounds us always.

Opening Hymn: #243 How firm a foundation

Invitation to Confession – *please be seated*

God knows us completely: our thoughts, our fears and the things we try to hide. Yet he does not turn away from us but calls us back to himself with love and mercy. In the presence of our holy God, let us be honest about where we have gone wrong, and confess our sins.

**(All) Merciful God,
you know us better than we know ourselves,
yet you love us and never leave us.
Forgive us for the times we have been afraid,
when we have forgotten your presence,
and when we have failed to trust in your care.
Forgive us when our words and actions have hurt others,
and when we have not valued ourselves or others
as precious in your sight.
Help us to turn back to you,
to trust your love,
and to live each day in the knowledge
that we are known, loved and never alone.
Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who knows us completely and loves us without end,

forgive us our sins,
restore us in your love,
and strengthen us to walk in your ways.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

The Collect for the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(All) Amen

Children leave for Sunday Club:

Dear God,
thank you for our children and for the joy they bring to us.
Be with them as they go to Sunday Club today.
Help them to learn more about you,
to have fun together, and to know that you love each one of them.
Bless their leaders and keep everyone safe.
Bring us all back together with happy hearts.
Amen.

The First Reading – PSALM 139: 1-18 (NIVUK) *(Read by Revd. Gary)*

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

- ¹You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,'
¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
¹³For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand –
when I awake, I am still with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Luke 12:4-7 (NIVUK) (Read by Gillian)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(All) Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴'I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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 a member of the congregation)

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

God knows each of us and holds us in his loving care.

In Christ, we are invited to live without fear,

knowing that we are precious in God's sight.

Let us share that peace with 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: #201 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

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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 our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

(All) Amen.

Notices:

Refreshments

Announcements

Next Week – Braderie week-end No Service

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 knowing that God knows you and loves you.
Wherever you go, may you know his presence,
and whatever you face, may you trust in his care.
Remember that you are precious in his sight.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with 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.