

OOS HC Sunday 18th October 2026 – Trinity 20

THE GATHERING

Words of welcome or introduction

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated*

The president says

St Paul says

‘Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.’
So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.

**(All) Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY – Trinity 20

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY CLUB - Prayer

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 96:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before the Lord, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

This is the word of the Lord

(All) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NRSVUE)

Salutation

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

- ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved
by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in
word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know

what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

This is the word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

THE SERMON – Reverend Vivian Sockett

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Please be seated

Response at the end of each prayer

(Leader) 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 if you are able*

God is love

and those who live in love live in God

and God lives in them.

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 have a practice of taking communion are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Please hold out your hands for a wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request as you arrive at the front.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and keep your hands crossed across your chest.

OFFERTORY HYMN: #631 Tell out, my soul

The Prayer of Preparation

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 E

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

By your Holy Spirit you make us your friends.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
that broken bread and wine out-poured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.
Again he gave you thanks, shared it and said:
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.

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did,
we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth,
and your kingdom comes.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints
to be with you for ever at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, each in our own language.

**(All) Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as it is 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 thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and 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.**

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 for communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN: #557 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

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing ...

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord

(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.