

**Parish Eucharist**

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**10 August 2025**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion today. Revd Stephen Nshimye is presiding and Peter Kinnison, Reader, is preaching. The choir and children's church are taking their summer break. In the 10am service we will continue to sing the congregational setting of the Eucharist from Schubert’s German Mass. The words and music are in the service sheet.

**Readings**

Genesis 15: 1-6

Psalm 33: 12-22

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

**Hymns**

345 Christ is the King (omit verses 2 and 3)

118 Firmly I believe and truly

584 All my hope on God is founded

Amazing Grace (on page 6 of this sheet)

**Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 15: 1-6**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 33: 12-22**

12  Happy the nation whose God is the Lord  ♦

and the people he has chosen for his own.

13  The Lord looks down from heaven  ♦

and beholds all the children of earth.

14  From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  ♦

on all who dwell on the earth.

**Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  ♦**

**he is our help and our shield.**

15  He fashions all the hearts of them  ♦

and understands all their works.

16  No king is saved by the might of his host;  ♦

no warrior delivered by his great strength.

17  A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  ♦

for all its strength it cannot save.

**Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  ♦**

**he is our help and our shield.**

18  Behold, the eye of the Lord

    is upon those who fear him,  ♦

on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

19  To deliver their soul from death  ♦

and to feed them in time of famine.

**Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  ♦**

**he is our help and our shield.**

20  Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  ♦

he is our help and our shield.

21  Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;  ♦

in his holy name have we put our trust.

22  Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  ♦

as we have set our hope on you.

**Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  ♦**

**he is our help and our shield.**

**New Testament Reading**

**Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**Luke 12: 32-40**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus said: ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Final Hymn**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound**

**that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now I’m found;**

**was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**

**and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear**

**the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we’ve been there a thousand years,**

**bright shining as the sun,**

**we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise**

**than when we first begun**.

Words: vs 1-4 John Newton (1725-1807)

Verse 5 John Rees (1828-1900). Music: American Folk Melody

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Aminta and Anthony, Fran Barlow, Ian Clark, Fiona Cochran, Helen and Dan Delap, Hessie Hervey, Nick Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Vinubhai Patel, Jessica Springbett, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Anne and Noel Timmons, Sabrina Unold, George Voelker, and Drew Webster.

We remember those who have died recently, including Alison Fenwick, Gordon Greenslade, Jill Hughes, Christobell Kariyawasan, James J McGovern, Anthony Oriakhi, Julie Paul, Fred Silvester, Catherine Varney, and John Watts. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all mourning the loss of loved one.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** **dmcevoy@btinternet.com**

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 10 August *Eighth Sunday after Trinity***

10.00am Parish Eucharist

3pm Okutendereza mu Luganda, a service in Lugandan

 **Monday 11 August**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 12 August**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 13 August**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 17 August *Ninth Sunday after Trinity***

10.00am Parish Eucharist (with guest preacher, Nadine Aslam of the Children’s Society)

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Frank Smith Room in the hall.

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