

**Parish Eucharist**

**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**31 August 2025**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion today. Revd Dr Tati Gutteridge, Curate, is presiding and Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, 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 booklet.

**Readings**

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13: 1-8

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

**Hymns**

246 Just as I am (tune: Saffron Waldon)

May the mind of Christ my Saviour (tune: St Leonard’s)

(on page 4 of this sheet)

156 Come down, O Love divine

Great is thy faithfulness (on page 6 of this sheet)

**Collect**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Proverbs 25: 6-7**

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence  
    or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, ‘Come up here’,  
    than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 112**

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord  ♦**

**and have great delight in his commandments.**

1    Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord  ♦

and have great delight in his commandments.

2    Their descendants will be mighty in the land,  ♦

a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

3    Wealth and riches will be in their house,  ♦

and their righteousness endures for ever.

4    Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  ♦

gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord  ♦**

**and have great delight in his commandments.**

5    It goes well with those who are generous in lending  ♦

and order their affairs with justice,

6    For they will never be shaken;  ♦

the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

7    They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;  ♦

their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord  ♦**

**and have great delight in his commandments.**

8    Their heart is sustained and will not fear,  ♦

until they see the downfall of their foes.

9    They have given freely to the poor;

    their righteousness stands fast for ever;  ♦

their head will be exalted with honour.

10  The wicked shall see it and be angry;

    they shall gnash their teeth in despair;  ♦

the desire of the wicked shall perish.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord  ♦**

**and have great delight in his commandments.**

**New Testament Reading**

**Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence,

‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?’

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**

**May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling  
all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that I may triumph only  
in his saving pow'r.**

**May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in ev’rything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing,  
this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus,  
as I onward go.**

Words: [Kate Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)](https://hymnary.org/text/may_the_mind_of_christ_my_savior#Author)

Music: (St Leonard’s), Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)

**Gospel**

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Final Hymn**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,**

**there is no shadow of turning with thee;**

**thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;**

**as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;***

***all I have needed thy hand hath provided,***

***great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,**

**sun, moon and stars in their courses above,**

**join with all nature in manifold witness**

**to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;***

***all I have needed thy hand hath provided,***

***great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**

**thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;**

**strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,**

**blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;***

***all I have needed thy hand hath provided,***

***great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)

Music: William Marion Runyan (1870-1957)

**Prayers for the week**

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Remi Brookes and Darrell Coker who were married in church yesterday.

We pray for those in need: Aminta and Anthony, Fran Barlow, Ian Clark, 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 Michael Almond, Rene Eastwood, Alison Fenwick, Jill Hughes, Anthony Oriakhi, Julianna Olayemi Paul, Fred Silvester and Catherine Varney. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** [**dmcevoy@btinternet.com**](mailto:dmcevoy@btinternet.com)

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**Bell Ringers’ Evensong in Church today, Sunday 31 August at 4pm**

Do join us for this special service of Evensong with congregational singing to give thanks for and celebrate the work of our bell ringers.

**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 31 August *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity***

10.00am Parish Eucharist

4.00pm Bell Ringers’ Evensong. Everyone welcome!

**Monday 1 September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 2 September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 3 September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 4 September**

8.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 7 September *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion (said, Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm *Abide,* a reflective service with music from the Taizé tradition

Please note that the *Big Half Marathon* is taking place today,

7 September. Some roads in the Greenwich area may be closed until 4pm. Please check before travelling by car or bus*.*

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

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

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