

# **The Eucharist for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Revd Canon Derek Earis

**Organ music before the service** – played by Keith Wright

Madrigal     *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

Rêverie       *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

## **Greeting and introduction**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

## **The Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.**

**New Testament reading:** Romans 6.12-23 - read by Angela Aries

A reading from letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the gift of his holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: Amazing grace** (*Common Praise 375*)

**Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace first 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 has 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.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.**

*Words* John Newton (1725-1807)

*Tune* AMAZING GRACE, American folk-hymn melody arr. by Robert Gower (b 1952)

**Gospel:** Matthew 10.40-42 - read by the Revd Kingsley Boulton, Deacon  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Organ music during the lighting of candles & time of personal reflection

- played by Keith Wright

Andante sostenuto (from Sonata No 8) *Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

### Intercessions – led by Jacqui Edwards

*To the bidding:* O thou who changest not, *please respond* **Abide with me.**

**For those who are ill:** Andrew Brownlie, David Simpson, Nina Lambourn, Ray Hall, Dominic, Naomi and Tom Anderson, Lynn Ngeywa, Frances Van der Borgh, Andrew Franklin, Pauline Hall, Muriel Hansen, Duncan Campbell, Andrea Heath, Benjamin Kilby, Sandi Richardson, June Llewellyn, Heloise Hartley and all affected directly or indirectly by Covid 19.

**For the recently departed:** Muriel Hall, Dorothy Cooper, Albert Ainsworth, Barry Higgins.

**For those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Anne Margaret Malden Young, Ruth Ann Barrett.

*At the end of the intercessions:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever 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.**

(Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne* – sung by members of St Olave's choir)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**  
God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*If you have your own bread you are invited to break and share it as a gesture of fellowship and agape.*

*The priest receives the bread and wine on behalf of all.*

### **Post Communion Prayers**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary** – played by Max Elliott

Prelude on Aeterna Christi munera *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

### *Note on the music:*

This year we mark the 150th birthday of the French composer Louis Vierne. Born almost blind, he showed an outstanding aptitude for music, and studied at the Paris Conservatoire before serving as Organist of Notre-Dame in Paris from 1900 until his death (at the organ console) in June 1937. For a while he moved in the same circles as composers such as Debussy and Ravel (the former wrote, having heard Vierne's first symphony, that 'old J S Bach, the father of us all, would be very proud'), but a period of absence from the Parisian musical scene during the First World War meant that he became an overlooked and slightly marginalised figure. His music - lyrical and emotional, with a highly-individual approach to chromatic harmony - shows the influence of Debussy, but he was - like many organists - also devoted to the music of Bach, and the two pieces played before the service today come from a collection of pieces in 'free style' (ie not based on hymns, plainsong or any particular musical form) which echo Bach's '48', in using all the major and minor keys, in order. Madrigal is in E major, and is a sunny piece for the flute stops; Rêverie, in E minor, is more melancholy and expressive.

One of the towering figures of the French organ world during Vierne's lifetime was Félix-Alexandre Guilmant. The organist's equivalent of the touring virtuosi Liszt and Paganini, Guilmant undertook three concert tours of the USA and Canada, travelling by steamship and taking months over the visits. His repertoire of concert music was vast - on one occasion he gave 40 concerts at the same venue, each with a different programme - and his legacy lives on in over 30 books of concert pieces in varied styles, ten books of liturgical pieces, a large number of stand-alone works for organ, and eight organ sonatas (which are themselves the models for the later organ 'symphonies', by Widor and Vierne, amongst others). Although steeped in the French liturgical tradition, Guilmant - especially in his later pieces - shows the influence of

Wagner, and this can clearly be heard in this brief movement from his eighth sonata.

*Aeterna Christi munera* is a fourth-century hymn widely thought to have been written by St Ambrose of Milan. The Revd John Mason Neale translated the hymn into English for his *Hymnal Noted* (No 36) in 1851 and this is the version most often used today (see 'The eternal gifts of Christ the King' *English Hymnal* No 175 or *New English Hymnal* No 213). Neale described the hymn as a 'Morning Hymn for the Festivals of Apostles', but it has historically been associated with both Apostles and Martyrs. Max has chosen to play the Prelude on *Aeterna Christi munera* by Healey Willan in recognition of the Feast of SS Peter and Paul (29 June).

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