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# Holy Trinity Church

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## Sunday 29th September 2024 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
## St Michael and All Angels

**Celebrant:** The Revd Val Nellist

**Readings**: Sarah Shaw

**Sidespeople:** Jane and Nick Morris

OFFERINGS AT HOLY TRINITY

*No Collection is taken during services; offerings are welcome before or after the service:*

- *cash in baskets at the back of the church, with Gift Aid donation envelopes*
- *a debit/credit card reader is also available.*

*Contributions support Holy Trinity's Ministry and Running Costs or any Special Collections announced.*

## PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** Johann Sebastian Bach: Vater unser im Himmelreich BWV 683

**Opening Hymn** (*please stand*)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,*
*all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

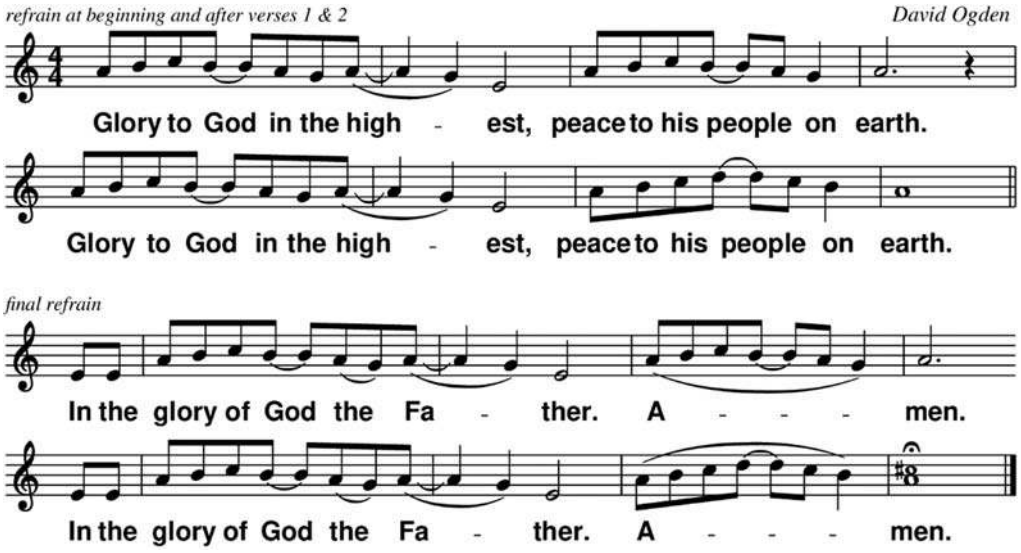
## Confession and Absolution

Loving God, you are the source of all that is, creating and sustaining every living thing. Called to be good stewards of your creation, we acknowledge the ways in which we have marred your image within us, as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.
*Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria

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## Collect

Everlasting God, who ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading: Genesis 28:10-17 (*please sit*)

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed
there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it
under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up
on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and
descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of
Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to
your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread
abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of
the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will
keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I
have done what I have promised you.' 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely
the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' 17 And he was afraid, and said, 'How
awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of
heaven.'

## Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

7 War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and
his angels fought back, 8 but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them
in heaven. 9 The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil
and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his
angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now
have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his
Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day
and night before our God. 11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by
the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. 12 Rejoice
then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the
devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

## Gospel Acclamation

(*please stand*)

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## Gospel: John 1:47-51 (*please stand*)

*When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in
whom there is no deceit!' 48Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus
answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi,
you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50Jesus answered, 'Do you believe
because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than
these.' 51And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels
of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. Praise to Christ our Lord.

## Annual Congregational Meeting: Note from the Rector

## Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

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 substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made human.
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.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

## Intercessions led by Tony Mitchell

## The Peace (*please stand*) We meet in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Who can measure heaven and earth?
God was present at their birth;
who can number seeds or sands?
Every grain is in his hands:
through creation's countless days
every dawn sings out his praise.

2 Who can tell what Wisdom brings
first of all created things?
One alone is truly wise,
hidden from our earthbound eyes:
knowledge lies in him alone -
God, the Lord upon his throne!

3 Wisdom in his plans he laid,
planted her in all he made;
granted her to humankind,
sowed her truth in every mind:
but with richest wisdom blessed
those who love him first and best.

4 Wisdom gives the surest wealth,
brings her children life and health;
teaches us to fear the Lord,
marks a universe restored:
heaven and earth she will outlast -
Happy those who hold her fast!

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## Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

## 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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times. By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos. You divided light from darkness, created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. When you had made the plants and the animals, you formed humanity in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation. In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him. Through your life-giving Holy Spirit who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

James Macmillan:
Mass of St Anne

(please sit)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world. On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*We sing the refrain after each verse:*

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## Communion

*is administered in both kinds at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided. It is perfectly acceptable to only receive the bread, should you so wish. Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine) as this is not considered to be a hygienic practice. The communicant may respond with Amen when receiving the bread and wine.*

**Communion Anthem** Malcolm Archer: Lord all hopefulness

# THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

## Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. Amen.

## Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Glory to God, the source of all our mission
Jesus be praised, the Saviour, Lord and Son!
Praise to the Spirit who confirms the vision;
in all the world the will of God is done!

2 Proud in our wealth, or destitute and broken,
we cannot live by earthly bread alone;
but by the word that God himself has spoken
we are set free to make our Master known.

3 Eastward or westward, northward,
southward moving,
finding new fields, new patterns and new role,
Christ's fellow-workers, all his
goodness proving,
See how our God is making people whole!

4 Linked by the cross at which we are forgiven,
joined by the love that came to find and save,
one in the hope of God's new earth
and heaven,
we love and give since he first loved and gave.

5 Send us, Lord Christ, to serve at
your direction,
dying and living, yours in loss and gain,
true to the gospel of your resurrection,
working and praying till you come to reign.

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## The Blessing & Dismissal

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

**Organ Postlude** Johann Sebastian Bach: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731

## NEXT WEEK

**Monday 30th September**
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

**Thursday 3rd October**
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

**Sunday 6th October**
PENTECOST 20
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

**Readings**
Genesis 2.18-24; Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12;
Mark 10.2-16