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Sunday 19th July 2026 — 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

PENTECOST 8

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: Bill Wheeler

Sidespeople: Ann Lees and Robert Nellist

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: C Hubert H Parry: Chorale Prelude on 'Martyrdom'

Opening Hymn

stand

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford 1810-1871

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

God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us 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

stand

1 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

2 Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

3 Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Christopher M Idle *b.* 1938
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Collect

O God of power and might, all good things belong to you: sow in our hearts the love of your name, and make us grow in the life of faith; nurture the things that are good, and tend them with your loving care; 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: Isaiah 44.6-8

sit

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god. [7]Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before
me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. [8]Do not fear, or
be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides
me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalm

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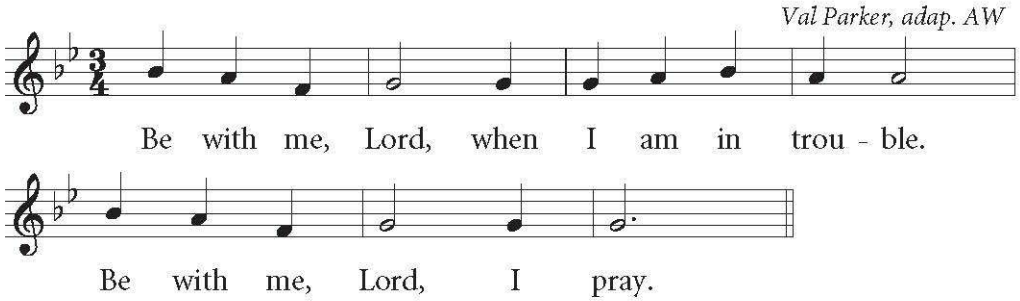
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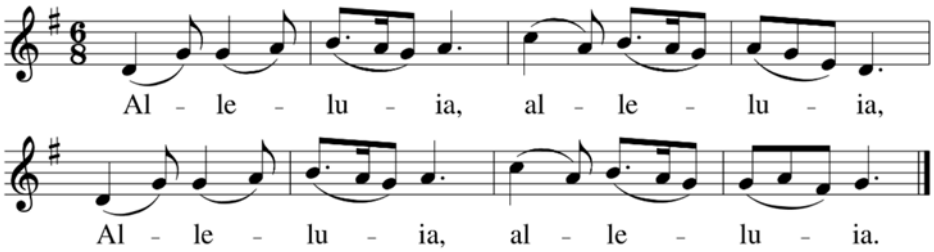
Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— [13]for if you live
according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
[14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. [15]For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to
fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' [16]it is that very
Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. [18] I
consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be
revealed to us. [19]For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; [20]for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
[21]that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory
of the children of God. [22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;
[23]and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while
we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is
not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

Gospel Acclamation

stand

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Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed
good seed in his field; [25]but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the
wheat, and then went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as
well. [27]And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in
your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" [28]He answered, "An enemy has done this." The
slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" [29]But he replied, "No; for in gathering
the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30]Let both of them grow together until the harvest;
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned,
but gather the wheat into my barn."' [36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' [37]He answered, 'The one who
sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38]the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the
kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the
harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are collected and burned up
with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out
of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42]and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father. Let anyone with earslisten!

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

Sermon: The Revd Ian Anderson *sit*

Nicene Creed *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;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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 Alistair Shaw *sit*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.

1 If we have died with him,
then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm we shall reign with him.
Unless…..

2 If anyone serves me
then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be.
Unless…..

3 Make your home in me
as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit.
Unless…..

4 If you remain in me
and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples.
Unless…..

5 Those who love me
are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them.
Unless…..

6 Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is my gift.
Unless…..

Bernadette Farrell *b.* 1957
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Offertory Prayer

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, God our maker, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit, you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of

your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. *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 his 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

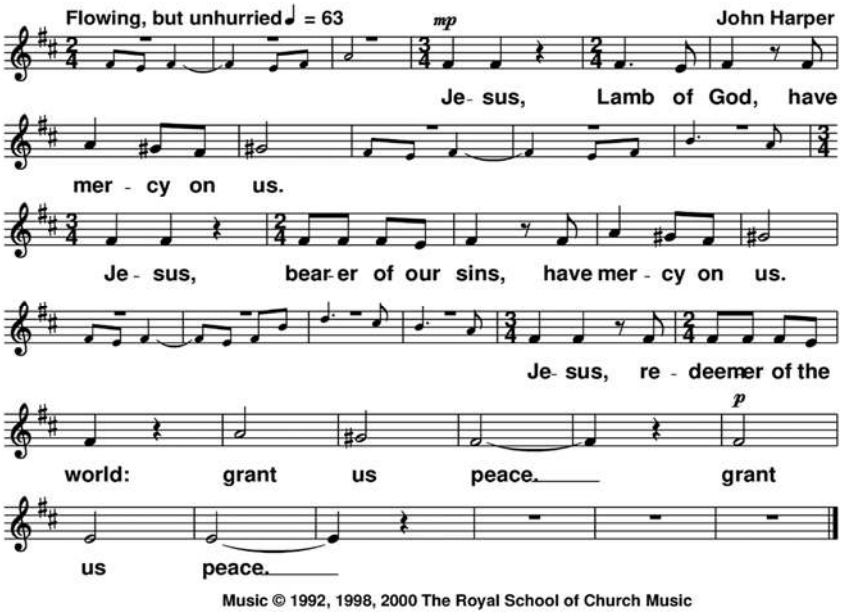
The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

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



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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 Music: Johann Sebastian Bach: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731

Communion Hymn

1 I waited patiently for God,
for God to hear my prayer;
and God bent down to where I sank
and listened to me there.

2 God raised me from a miry pit,
from mud and sinking sand,
and set my feet upon a rock
where I can firmly stand.

3 And on my lips a song was put,
a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel, open-eyed,
and put their trust in God.

4 Great wonders you have done, O Lord,
all purposed for our good.
Unable every one to name,
I bow in gratitude.

Psalm 40 para. John Bell
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THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to our gracious God: whose mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Final Hymn

stand

1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

J M C Crum 1872-1958
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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 (attrib.): Prelude in E minor BWV 555

NEXT WEEK

Thursday 23rd July
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 26th July
Pentecost 9
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Readings
1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.26-39;
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52