



**St Peter's**  
Berkhamsted

**EUCCHARIST FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**Live from St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**Organ voluntary:**

Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161 by Dieterich Buxtehude played by Jonathan Lee

**THE GATHERING**

+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.

**All: And also with you.**

**Welcome**

**Invitation to Confession:**

Coming together once again as God's family, with confidence,  
let us ask God the Father's forgiveness; for he is full of mercy and compassion.

**Confession:**

**Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

**Absolution:**

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.

**All: Amen.**

**Gloria:**

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

**The Collect:**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:1–5 read by Christine Cowie**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual psalm: Psalm 145 7-12 & 15-21**

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They shew the glory of thy kingdom : and talk of thy power;

That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom : might be known unto men.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord : and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

**Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Homily Olivia Davies**

**Nicene Creed:**

**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 Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession: led by Caroline Waterstone**

*Each section is followed by one of the following responses:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

*or*

Lord hear us,  
**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

*The prayers end with:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace:

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn:

The God of Abraham praise  
Who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting Days,  
And God of love:  
To him uplift your voice,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth we rise and seek the joys  
At his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,  
The Lord our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace:  
On Sion's sacred height  
His kingdom He maintains,  
And glorious with His saints in light  
For ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One  
They all exulting stand,  
And tell the wonders He hath done  
Throughout the land:  
The listening spheres attend,  
And swell the growing fame,  
And sing in songs which never end  
The wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry  
'Almighty King!  
Who was, and is the same,  
And evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM,  
We worship Thee.'

The whole triumphant host  
Gives thanks to God on high:  
'Hail Father Son and Holy Ghost'  
They ever cry:  
Hail Abraham's God and mine!  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise.

**Prayer over the gifts:**

God of mercy,  
in this eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord.  
Accept the gifts we present  
and help us to follow him with love,  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer:**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Sanctus & Benedictus:**

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,

and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary, Mother of God,  
St Peter our patron, St Alban and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus 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.**

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**Agnus Dei:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion:**

**Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you.**

**Amen.**

**Motet: *O for a closer walk with God* – C.V. Stanford**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

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.

**All: Amen**

**All: 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.**

### **Notices**

#### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:**

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

**Organ voluntary:**

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, BuxWV 137 - Dieterich Buxtehude, played by Jonathan Lee

**Mass settings**

Gloria: Thorne *Mass of St Thomas*

Sanctus & Benedictus: New English Folk Mass

Agnus Dei: New English Folk Mass