

Sunday 4th October, 2026 11.00 am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Welcome & Intimations

· The Sunday School will meet in Room 2 today.

· Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.

· Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.

· **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church today in the **Cameron Hall**.

· There will be a **Retiring Collection** TODAY in aid of the **Kirk Session Benevolent Fund**.

The **Kirk Session** will meet on **Tuesday 6th October, 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Cambridge Chapel**.

· There will NOT be a **Vestry Hour** or a **midweek Service** on **Wednesday 7th October, 2026**.

· **Tickets (£5) for the Guild Coffee morning on Saturday 24th October, 2026 will be on sale on Sundays 11th & 18th October, 2026.**

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 139 Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him;

1 Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all you stars and light.

2 Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance has he made.

3 Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.

4 Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven, and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify His name!

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach & Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 673 Let us talents and tongues employ,

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Jesus lives again;
earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around:
loaves abound!*

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Words by: Fred Kaan, 1975 Music by: Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Then God spoke all these words:

- ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before^[a] me.
- ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
- ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- ¹³ You shall not murder.^[a]
- ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.
- ¹⁵ You shall not steal.
- ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.
- ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid^[b] and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Philippians 3:4b-14

- ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.
- If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
- ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
- ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,^[a] the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ^[b] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal,^[c] but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- ¹³ Beloved,^[d] I do not consider that I have made it my own;^[e] but this one thing I do:

forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly^[f] call of God in Christ Jesus.

Anthem

St. Matthew 21:33-46

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;^[f]
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.^[g] ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'^[h]

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Hymn 506 All I once held dear, built my life upon

- 1 All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

- 2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Chorus

- 3 Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.

Chorus

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 18/19 The earth belongs to God alone (Psalm 24)

- 1 The earth belongs to God alone
and all that it contains;
the world and its inhabitants
God's steadfast love maintains.
- 2 The Lord who brought the world to birth
laid earth's foundations sure,
and firm within the surging seas
established them secure.

- 3 Who, then, are those who shall ascend
the holy hill of God?
And who is fit to stand within
the presence of the Lord?
- 4 All those whose hands and hearts are clean,
with no room in their mind
for worthless vanities or vows
of a deceitful kind.
- 5 These are the people who receive
a blessing from the Lord,
and vindication for their ways
from God, their saving God.
- 6 O God of Jacob, help us all
who gather in this place,
to seek your presence with us now:
we yearn to see your face.
- 7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for ay
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!
- 8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.
- 9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for ay,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!
- 10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

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Responses for Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.
...and with the whole company of heaven,
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, 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.*

*Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.*

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us your peace.

Hymn 248 For my sake and the gospel's, go

1 'For My sake and the gospel's, go
And tell redemption's story!'
His heralds answer, 'Be it so,
And Thine, Lord, all the glory!'
They preach His birth, His life, His cross,
The love of His atonement,
For whom they count the world but loss,
His Easter, His enthronement.

2 Hark, hark, the trump of jubilee
Proclaims to every nation,
From pole to pole, by land and sea,
Glad tidings of salvation:
Still on and on the anthems spread
Of alleluia voices;
In concert with the holy dead,
The warrior church rejoices.

3 He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns
The last of time's evangels,
Immanuel, crowned with many crowns,
The Lord of saints and angels:
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,
Triune, who changest never,
The throne of God and of the Lamb
is Thine, and Thine for ever.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)