A very warm welcome to our Service.

St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton 16th Sunday after Trinity

5th October 2025

Processional Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim Good news for all throughout the earth; The gospel of a Saviour's name: We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem, Not in a royal house or hall, But in a stable dark and dim: The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary, Hated by those He came to save; In lonely suffering on the cross For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: Empty the tomb, for He was free. He broke the power of death and hell That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand, By all creation glorified; He sends His Spirit on His Church To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel message we proclaim: We sing His glory, tell His worth..

The Greeting

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.

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 the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

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.

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 all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen

The president says

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

THE GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest; And peace, peace to his people on earth, Peace, peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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, Lord 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. X 2

The Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

Lamentations 1.1-6

Lamentations How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; Hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before God, giving thanks, With songs let us hail the Lord.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; Let us kneel before the God who made us For this is our God/and we the people who belong to his pasture,

The flock that is let by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to God's voice! 'harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
As on that day at Massah in the desert
When your ancestors put me to the test;
When they tried me, though they saw my work.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1.1–14

Timothy Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands;

for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of selfdiscipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put

my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Gradual Hymn

Father hear the prayer we offer, Not for ease that prayer shall be, But for strength that we may ever Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures Do we ask our way to be; But the steep and rugged pathway May we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters Would we idly rest and stay; But would smite the living fountains From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness, In our wanderings be our guide; Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord, you really are the saviour of the world Give me living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 17.5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith! The Lord replied, If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you.

Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep

in the field, Come here at once and take your place at the table?

Would you not rather say to him, Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

(Please stand)

The 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 of 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

(Please kneel or sit for the prayers)

The Prayers

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

- (5) Jean Shurvall (06) Jane Darling (13) Ray Stanbury (16)
- (7) Edna Kay (01) Ivy Burns (12) Rev'd Viv Lucas (16)
- (8) Gladys Harrison (05)
- (9) Sidney Skinner, Sidney Tapper, Phyllis Ball (06), Colin Francis (06), Jean Woolgar (19)
- (10) Ivy Irish (05)
- (11) Rose Mary Hawker(01), Joan Jeffries (01), Fred Brown (04), Michael Lucas (16)

Merciful Father,

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

(Please stand)

The Peace

"God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them."

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

Let us show one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life, In trouble and in joy, The praises of my God shall still my heart, And tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me, With me exalt his name; When in distress to him I called, He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around The dwellings of the just; Deliv'rance he affords to all Who on his succour trust.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then Have nothing else to fear; Make you his service your delight, Your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son and Holy ghost, The God whom we adore, Be glory as it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Prayer over the Offerings

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation:

Through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands has 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 the human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved son Jesus Christ, your living Word through whom you have created all things. Who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour;

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; As your Son, born of the Blessed Virgin He lived on earth and went about among us; He opened wide his arms for us on the cross; He put an end to death by dying for us and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so, he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r, Lord God of might Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna In the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the Lord's own name. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, In the highest Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, In the highest.

(please kneel or sit)

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world:

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Augustine and all the saints, may praise and glorify you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, For ever and ever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us we are bold to say:

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

(The priest breaks the consecrated 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.

The Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Sanctuary bell is rung and the Priest takes communion followed by the congregation.

Communion:

All are welcomed to receive Communion or a Blessing as guided by the Sidespersons.

Communion Hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest; Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be, O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign, In death's dread moments make me only thine; Call me and bid me come to thee on high Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

2nd Communion hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord, The holy one is here.
Come bow before him now,
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord, Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant king of light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord, Is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister his grace. No work to hard for him, In faith receive from him, Be still for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God,
We thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your spirit to live
and work to your praise and glory. Amen

NOTICES

(Pease stand)

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,
Father, 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

Recessional Hymn

Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy grace receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!