



Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am (in the Chapel)

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Head Server: Fen Nanton

Communion Ministers: Ted Robinson, Cynthia Roosevelt

Mass Setting: Merbecke



*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
and in loving memory of her mother, Sheila, by Betty Scantlebury.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Hymn 8 *Awake My Soul*

MORNING HYMN

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Gloria - CP 679

MERBECKE

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

All **and in earth peace, good will towards all.**

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Celebrant Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Genesis 25.19-34*

Read by Peggy Needham

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?"

So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119.105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis.*

Tone II-1



¹⁰⁵ **THY WORD** is a lantern unto my **feet**, / and a light un-**to** my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and am stedfastly **pur**-pos[^]ed, /
to keep thy righ-**teous** judge-ments.

¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above **mea**-sure: / quicken me, O Lord, acord-**ing** to[^]thy word.

¹⁰⁸ Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O **Lord**, /
and teach me **thy** judge-ments.

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my **hand**; / yet do I not **for**-get[^]thy law.

¹¹⁰ The ungodly have laid a **snare** for[^]me; /
but yet I swerve not from **thy** pre-cepts.

¹¹¹ Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for **ev**-er; /
and why? they are the very joy **of** my heart.

¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfil thy **sta**-tutes, / always, even un-**to** the end.

Epistle *Romans 8.1-11*

Read by Paul Mitchell

Reader A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 502 *You are Salt for the Earth (vs 1-2)* BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil

one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Gradual Hymn 502 *You are Salt for the Earth (vs 3-4)* BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Homily The Reverend Abraham Thomas

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God

All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God;
Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;
Through whom all things were made:
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the
Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the
dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People – Led by Peggy Needham

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of Sin. Then all say:

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee
In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The absolution is pronounced.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant And they came, every one whose heart stirred them up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering. *Exodus 35. 21.*

Offertory Hymn 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (CP 683)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues with the proper preface then then all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant All Glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:
All **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 them that 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (CP 685)

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

Communion Hymn 478 *Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast*

ALBANO

Motet *My Lips Shall Speak of Thy Praise*

MAURICE GREENE

Tenor Solo – Ian Corlett

Thanksgiving after Communion & Doxology

Celebrant Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love.
We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 556 *O For a Closer Walk with God*

CAITHNESS

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude