

# St Paul's

GROWING IN THE GRACE OF *JESUS*  
LIVING IN THE LOVE OF *GOD*  
FEASTING IN THE FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE *SPIRIT*

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

GATHERING *hymn*

MERTON

**Hark! a herald voice is sounding.  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day."**

**Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us all, with deep repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiven;**

**Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.**

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE(S)

*I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*      *Isaiah 49:6*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Almighty God,*  
**to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: 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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.*      *Matthew 22:37-40*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**  
*Let us pray:*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Almighty God, look mercifully upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.*      **AMEN**

## The FIRST LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that He raised Christ—whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

## The RESPONSIVE PSALM

## Psalm 1

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;*  
**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law they meditate day and night.**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.*

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*  
**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## The Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:17-26

*He (Jesus) came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed all of them.*

*Then He looked up at His disciples and said:*

*'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.*

*'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.*

*'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

*'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.*

*'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.*

*'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.*

*'Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.*

## The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 worshiped 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**

**THE SERMON**     *The Lynchpin of Faith*     The Rev'd Kris Michaelson

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Everyone must give as the heart has decided, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. All things come from You, O Lord,*

**And of Your Own have we given You.**

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## The Prayers of the People

### The Confession and Absolution of Sin

*All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in His holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker and Judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine majesty, provoking most justly Your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please You in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who in Your great mercy have promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to You, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**AMEN**

*Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him:*

*Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*Matthew 11:28*

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that He might bring us out of darkness and into His own glorious light. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:*

**THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

**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.**

**THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*All praise and glory is Yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in Your tender mercy, You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by His one oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and He instituted, and in His Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again.*

*For on the night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given 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."*

*Likewise, after supper, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me." \**

## The PEACE

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

## The AGNUS DEI

*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 Your peace.**

*O Lord,*

**we offer You praise and thanksgiving, together with the faithful at every Table of Your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, throughout the world and across the ages. To You we present our souls and bodies, with our earnest desire to feast upon Your constant communion. Though now we are exiled from tasting the Bread and drinking the Cup, still we pray that You will unite us with all the baptised and with Your Son Who gave His life for us.**

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell within us and send Your Holy Spirit, that we may be filled afresh with Your presence. AMEN**

*Adapted from The Armed Forces Prayer Book (Canada) 1951 and the Diocese of Chelmsford*

## The LORD'S PRAYER

*And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:*  
**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**

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring*

*us, through this Sacrament, of Your favour and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of Your everlasting kingdom.*

**And we humbly ask You, heavenly Father, to assist us with Your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. AMEN**

### **The GLORIA**

*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. 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. 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. AMEN**

### **The BLESSING**

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. AMEN*

### **SENDING HYMN**

ALL SAINTS

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen!  
tell it with a joyful voice;  
Christ has burst His three days' prison:  
let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.**

**Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
death's long shadows have departed,  
all His woes are over now,  
and the Passion that He bore;  
sin and pain can vex no more.**

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen;  
He has opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Living beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.**

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

**P**OSTLUDE

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F. Handel