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25th October 2026
10:00 Parish Communion
Bible Sunday
Blended Worship



October Charity of the Month:
Open Pantry Richmond



The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment
which bore the symbol of your cross
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All **Amen.**



Opening Hymn: Let There Be Light

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1. **Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**
2. **Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**



Opening Hymn: Let There Be Light

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3. Spirit of truth and love,
live-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825)



The Gathering

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.



Prayer of Preparation

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



Prayers of Penitence

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

Let us give thanks to God

for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,
and as we remember Christ's death for us,
and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.



Prayers of Penitence

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.



Absolution

Hear the words of Jesus:
Your sins are forgiven.
Go in peace.

All **Amen.**



Gloria in Excelsis

All **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.**



Gloria in Excelsis

**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 Collect

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

A reading from the book of Nehemiah (8:1-4a,5-6,8-12 NRSV)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose:



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Readings

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.



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Readings

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:12-17 NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.



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Readings

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**



Second Hymn: Lord, Thy Word Abideth

CP 515

1. Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.
2. When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.
3. When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.



Second Hymn: Lord, Thy Word Abideth

- 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**
- 5. Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.**
- 6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!**

H. W. Baker (1821-1877)



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:30-35)

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

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

³²‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ





the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
 60:6 **concealed** shall hope for me. In also in 43:5-7, 14, 49:18, 51:5, 51:10, 51:11, 51:12, 51:13, 51:14, 51:15, 51:16, 51:17, 51:18, 51:19, 51:20, 51:21, 51:22, 51:23, 51:24, 51:25, 51:26, 51:27, 51:28, 51:29, 51:30, 51:31, 51:32, 51:33, 51:34, 51:35, 51:36, 51:37, 51:38, 51:39, 51:40, 51:41, 51:42, 51:43, 51:44, 51:45, 51:46, 51:47, 51:48, 51:49, 51:50, 51:51, 51:52, 51:53, 51:54, 51:55, 51:56, 51:57, 51:58, 51:59, 51:60, 51:61, 51:62, 51:63, 51:64, 51:65, 51:66, 51:67, 51:68, 51:69, 51:70, 51:71, 51:72, 51:73, 51:74, 51:75, 51:76, 51:77, 51:78, 51:79, 51:80, 51:81, 51:82, 51:83, 51:84, 51:85, 51:86, 51:87, 51:88, 51:89, 51:90, 51:91, 51:92, 51:93, 51:94, 51:95, 51:96, 51:97, 51:98, 51:99, 51:100.

60:14 **Foreigners**. As foreign, king of Tyre, helped build the first temple after Israel's people returned from Babylon. The second (Herod's) temple of the Lord (Eph. 2:11-22).
 60:15 **shall minister**. The nations were promised that foreign kings would (and would) God in His wrath against kings, and will remember mercy.
 60:16 **day and night**. Instead of attacking, the nations will praise the Lord (Rev. 21:25-26).
 60:17 **precious wood**. Precious wood glorified Solomon's temple as well as the church (Rev. 21:25-26).

60:18 **shall be**. This provides another connection between the nations and Israel. They are to be a part of the church (Rev. 21:25-26).
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Profession of Faith

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **I believe and trust in him.**



Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



A close-up photograph of a hand in a prayer position, with fingers slightly curled and palm facing inward. The hand is silhouetted against a bright, warm light source, likely the sun, which creates a strong lens flare and illuminates the scene with golden rays. In the background, a dark silhouette of a cross is visible against the bright sky. The overall mood is spiritual and contemplative.

Intercessions



The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and
share his peace.
The peace of the Lord
be always with you
All and also with you.



Hymn at preparation: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.**



Hymn at preparation: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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2. Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?



Hymn at preparation: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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3. Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.



Hymn at preparation: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

4. **Alleluia, King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 in the eucharistic feast.**

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)



Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.



And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**All 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.**



We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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



When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.



Great is the mystery of faith.

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy
will be seen in all the earth.



Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.



Giving of Communion

Come to this table, not because you must,
but because you may.

Come not because you have all faith,
but because you have some faith and would like to grow in it.

Come because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more.

Come because he loves you
and wants to give you everything.

Come because this is the table of the Lord,
and it is he who invites us to be here.



Communion Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

CP 411

1. **Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**
2. **In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**



Communion Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

CP 411

3. **O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 the silence of eternity,
 interpreted by love!**
4. **Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 till all our strivings cease;
 take from our souls the strain and stress,
 and let our ordered lives confess
 the beauty of thy peace.**



Communion Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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5. **Breathe through the heats of our desire
 thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)



Prayers after Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**



Prayers after Communion

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

Final Hymn: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

CP 612

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**



Final Hymn: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

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- 4. 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.**
- 5. 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.**
- 6. 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.**

Edward J. Burns (*b.* 1938)



Blessing

May God, in the fullness of his love,
pour upon you the torrents of his grace,
keep you in his holy peace,
prepare you for a happy eternity,
and receive you, at the last,
into immortal glory;
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 peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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60:15 **year of the Lord's favor**. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated the "day of salvation" (Eph 1:13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100).

60:16 **everlasting light**. This is God's presence with his people (cf. 1 John 1:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100).

