



Service of the Word
St Andrew, St Paul and St Peter
Blackley

10.00am, Sunday 31st August 2025

Thank you for joining us today – welcome!!

*The fellowship this morning will begin with sharing food and drink,
and we will lead into worship directly.*

*If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the service, please
make your way into Church for 11.30am via the Lady Chapel
Entrance*

Preparation

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Hymn

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow

every tongue confess him, King of glory now;
This the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light;
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way
all the heavenly orders, in the great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as our captain in temptation's hour
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Truly this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Prayer of Penitence

St Paul says

'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon/Talk

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
he is my light my strength my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns, or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Response:

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**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.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path.

Conclusion

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.
Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising

Give me joy in my heart I pray

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising

Keep me praising til the end of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart keep me resting

Give me peace in my heart I pray

Give me peace in my heart keep me resting

Keep me resting til the end of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me love in my heart keep me serving
Give me love in my heart I pray
Give me love in my heart keep me serving
Keep me serving til the end of day
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp I pray
Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning
Keep me burning til the end of day
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Your presence here today is blessing enough and we do not ask for anything from you in return. However, if you wish to make a cash donation to help us cover the cost of the food, please use the box provided.

God bless you



Join us for our usual services in Blackley

Sundays:

St Andrew's	9.30am
St Peter's	9.30am
St Paul's	11.30am

Wednesdays:

St Andrew's	10.45am
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Thursdays:

St Paul's	11.00am
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