

## Christ Church Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### **Welcome**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

### **Song**

**PRAISE IS RISING**, eyes are turning to You,

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,

We long for You.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

In Your presence all our fears are washed away,

Washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,*

*You are the God who saves us,*

*Worthy of all our praises.*

*Hosanna, hosanna,*

*Come, have Your way among us;*

*We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,

We turn to You.

In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,

You make all things new.

***We say sorry to God and one another***

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***We are forgiven***

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Gospel Reading*** – **Matthew 7:24-27** (Please stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew; **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

***We give glory to God***

Glory to the Father

**Glory to the Son**

Glory to the Spirit

**For ever Three in One**

Be glorified at home

**Be glorified in Church**

Be glorified in this country

**Be glorified in the World**

Be glorified on earth

**Be glorified in heaven**

Glory to the Father

**Glory to the Son**

Glory to the Spirit

**For ever Three in One**

Hallelujah

**Amen.**

## **Songs**

### **WE STAND AND LIFT UP OUR HANDS**

For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now;  
How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing,  
Everyone sing:

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty; The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty; The earth is filled with His glory,  
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around, It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
(Repeat)

### **LORD, I COME TO YOU,**

Let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You.  
And Lord, I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close,  
Let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle,  
And I will soar with You,  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,  
Let me see You face to face,  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me.

Lord, renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life,  
In living every day  
By the power of Your love.

### ***Talk***

### ***Song***

**KING OF LOVE AND GRACE**, my guardian  
All my hopes and fears are in Your hands  
I'm in Your hands.  
Where You go, I'll go; show me the way.  
Every step I take be now my guide,  
God on my side.

*You go before me  
You're there beside me  
And if I wander  
Love will find me  
Goodness and mercy  
Will always follow  
You go before me  
My Guardian*

When I hear You say, trust and obey,  
I will walk by faith and not by sight  
God of my life.  
So let Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done.  
All Your promises will stand forever,  
You're my defender.

You are God, our great defender,  
Strong in love, forever faithful.  
We are Yours and we will trust in You.  
(Repeat)

### ***We pray together***

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

### ***We affirm our faith in God***

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

### ***We share God's peace***

God has called us to live in peace.

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

### ***We prepare for communion***

The Lord is here; **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

**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.**

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.**

### ***We share bread and wine together***

During the sharing of communion we would love to pray with you, or offer a simple blessing. If you would like this then please head to your left where people are ready to pray with you

### ***Prayer after communion***

**Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to serve your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Notices***

### ***Song***

#### **MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

Than Jesus Blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But Wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone Cornerstone,  
Weak made strong in the saviours love,  
Through the Storm he is Lord,  
Lord of all.*

When darkness comes to hide his face  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy  
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne.

### ***We are sent out***

Hear the teaching of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'

Go now to do God's will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



# *Songs of Praise*

Sing your favourite hymns  
with a live orchestra

**6.30pm - St Botolph's Church**

**Sunday 5th October 2025**

**Free Entry - All Welcome**



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