

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sacrificio d'Isacco - Caravaggio (1598)

St Paul's Church • Ipswich
28 June 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Processional Hymn: *God of freedom, God of justice* [TIS 657]

The Invocation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Sentence

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6.23

Prayer of Approach

**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.**

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Collect

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 22.1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife.

So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18

¹ Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:

**my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.**

² I have said of your loving-kindness
that it is built for ever:

you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.

³ The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:

I have sworn an oath to my servant David.

⁴ 'I will establish your line for ever:

and build up your throne for all generations.'

¹⁵ Happy the people who know the triumphal shout:

who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

¹⁶ They rejoice all the day long because of your name:

because of your righteousness they are exalted.

¹⁷ For you are their glory and their strength:

and our heads are uplifted by your favour.

¹⁸ Our king belongs to the Lord:
he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Romans 6.12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: *May the mind of Christ my Saviour*[TIS 609]

The Gospel

Matthew 10.40-42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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 worshipped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The celebrant says.

Let us pray for the Church and the world, giving thanks for the God who provides, who hears our lament, and who calls us into the freedom of his love.

A minister continues

Lord Jesus, we give thanks that you challenge us to have faith in God. We are also grateful that in Matthew's Gospel you promise to be with us always. God of Abraham and Sarah, you put your servants to the test and yet provide what is needed on the mountain of fear. Strengthen your Church in trust and obedience, that we may walk by faith when the future is hidden and the cost is great. Bless Cameron our bishop, Jeremy our archbishop and metropolitan, and all who lead your people in this diocese. Keep us faithful to Christ crucified and risen, that we may bear witness to your mercy in our worship and our daily work.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, we know that somewhere in our city there may be people living in a harsh world, who are losing the grasp on their Christian faith. Help us all to be strong in our faith. God who listens to our cry, how long, O Lord, will you forget your suffering people? Turn your face towards those who wait in darkness, who wrestle with doubt, grief, or unanswered prayer. Teach us to bring our honest lament before you, and in your time clothe us with trust and rejoicing. Make your Church a place where sorrow is honoured, questions are welcomed, and joy is born out of steadfast love.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We pray with St Paul that we look in our lives for the free gift of God, which is eternal life in and with Jesus Christ. Therefore we pray that world leaders will turn to Christ along with us. God of the nations, you desire that sin no longer reign, but that all creation should be set free to serve you. Give wisdom and courage to those in authority in our land and in every land: turn them from the ways of oppression, greed, and violence, and lead them in the paths of justice, mercy, and truth. Raise up among us people who will work for reconciliation, care for the vulnerable, and seek the common good above private gain.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

As beacons of Christian living in Ipswich, we pray that upon meeting our fellow Ipswichians who are worried or who feel mistreated by the world that we reach out to them. God who calls us from death to life, you have made us slaves not of sin but of righteousness, and the free gift of yours is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Where lives are bound by addiction, fear, or exploitation, break the chains that hold your children captive. Empower those who serve in ministries of healing, counselling, advocacy, and community care. Give us grace to offer ourselves to you as instruments of your justice and peace in our workplaces, homes, and neighbourhoods.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, we pray that you will make us into an outward-looking church community. Remind us of our Christian responsibilities towards visitors and “new people” at St Paul’s no matter what station in life they may occupy. God who comes to us in the stranger and the guest, your Son has taught us that whoever welcomes his messenger welcomes him, and that even a cup of cold water given in his name will not lose its reward. Open our eyes to recognise Christ in those who arrive at our doors, in the lonely, the newcomer, the forgotten and the overlooked. Make our parish a household of welcome, where generosity is shared, burdens are lifted, and those who serve quietly are encouraged and upheld.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We pray that those of our fellow-believers who are not well may receive your healing power, Lord. We note their names in our pew sheet and will pray for them. We also, Lord, keep in our memories that names of those people whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. The pew sheet records their names. God of compassion and eternal mercy, remember all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and those who watch with them. Lighten their eyes lest they sleep the sleep of death, and let them know your steadfast love in those who care and pray. Receive into your keeping those who have died in Christ, and keep us firm in the hope of sharing his risen life forever.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Please join me as we pray the Ipswich Anglicans Prayer together:

**God of new beginnings,
bless our Ipswich Anglican community
with a fresh vision for the future,
with generous hearts to love one another,
and with courage for the changes we now embrace.
Draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ,
so that we draw closer to you and to each other.**

**Make us a blessing to the city of Ipswich
as we walk together
into the future you have prepared for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

Christ 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.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *Community of Christ [TIS 473]*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to the Table

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Please note that intinction (dipping the bread) is forbidden as it is a health risk; it also introduces gluten to the wine, which is a further health risk to those who have a gluten allergy. Please ask the priest if you require a gluten free wafer.

If you do not wish to drink from the cup but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence, please feel free to pause briefly before the chalice and say 'Amen'.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

Giver of life and love,
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet
you invigorate and renew us.

**Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to
continue your work in the world.**

Amen.

Notices

Blessing

The peace of God which passes understanding keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: *God gives us a future [TIS 687]*

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