

Philippians 1: 20 – 24 & 27

Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi begins by telling us a little of his own idea, that whether he lives or dies, his bold speaking about the Gospel truth will cause God to be exalted. Today's Church of England faces problems that Paul might not have envisaged: paying the Parish Share; trying to raise money for the church roof; and churches being less full on a Sunday than they used to be. It is hard for us to keep in mind that the difficulties that we face are as nothing in comparison with the difficulties faced by those whose lives were threatened in the earliest days of the faith, and those who today face persecution and the threat of death, simply for proclaiming Christ crucified. How often does our faith in Christ fail to define us? How many times have we really shared the Good News? Surely, it is the most important thing we can do.

Spiritual communion

St Thomas Aquinas beautifully described spiritual communion as 'an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.'

Over the centuries many prayers and devotions have been written to frame an act of spiritual communion. One of the most enduringly popular and simplest is by St Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



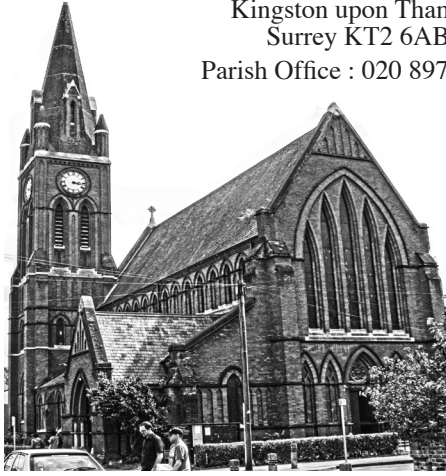
Sunday 20th Sept. 2026
Trinity 16 / 25th Ordinary
Gospel: Matt. 20: 1 – 16



In the Gospels Jesus rebukes the disciples for their attitudes to others and to the possibilities in life, he says: 'You think as men think not as God thinks'. The parable of the labourers in the vineyard takes us to the heart of this 'different way of thinking'. In using the subject of work and pay, Jesus arouses in a sense of fairness in one of the most controversial areas of social thinking. There is a great deal of sympathy for the men who worked all day for the same reward as those who worked for one hour. That seems outrageous. But as St Paul reminds us 'the wisdom of God is foolishness to man'. Jesus is confronting us with the unreasonable, foolish, and extravagant love of God. This love forms the economy of God's kingdom where the first are last, and the least are greatest.

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evensong

WEEKDAYS

8.00am Mass Tuesday/ Thursday & Friday
9.00am Mass Wednesday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 21st September: St Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19(18):2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

TUESDAY 22nd September: Feria of 25th Wk in OT
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119(118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21
8.00am - Mass

WEDNESDAY 23rd September: Feria of 25th Wk in OT
Proverbs 30:5-9; Ps 119(118):29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6
9.00am - Mass

THURSDAY 24th September: Our Lady of Walsingham
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10c; Ps Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55; Luke 1:26-38
8.00am - Mass

FRIDAY 25th September: Feria of 25th Wk in OT
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Ps 144(143):1a, 2a-c, 3-4; Luke 9:18-22
8.00am - Mass

SATURDAY 26th September: Feria of 25th Wk in OT
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Ps 90(89):3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Luke 9:43b-45

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

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HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul;

Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Patrick Codd, Christine West, Heather Stone, Jacki Lambert, Marjorie Ransom, Joyce Canning, Fr Razzle, Jason Groves and Luke Thorpe.

ESPECIALLY WE PRAY FOR:- Fr Geoffrey Owen, Fr Luke Demetri, Hannah, Lea, Bethan and Sandra Dawson

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Nancy Herbert, Helen Burgess

MONDAY: Mille Lozic

TUESDAY: Arthur Gunton, Charles Croucher, Ceridwen Halett

WEDNESDAY: Dora Cole

THURSDAY: Richard Hyatt, Margaret Watmore, Hugh Champney

SATURDAY: Tom Chislett

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CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, who respond: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

FINAL HYMN

415. O for a thousand tongues to sing (t 346)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus--the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

***He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.**



THE ANGELUS

It is our custom, before we go home, to make this traditional memorial of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ:

v. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.

R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

All: **Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

v. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. **Be it unto me according to thy word. All: Hail, Mary . . .**

v. And the Word became flesh.

R. **And dwelt among us. All: Hail, Mary . . .**

v. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

The priest prays the Collect. The people respond: Amen.

ORGAN MUSIC

Voluntary II – Peter Prellleur

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTORY RITES

*We welcome baptised and communicant members of other
Christian Churches to receive the Sacrament of
Holy Communion here, or to come forward,
holding this pew sheet, to receive a Blessing.*

MASS MUSIC SETTING

Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

ORGAN MUSIC

Prelude – Peter Prellleur

ENTRANCE HYMN

238. New every morning is the love

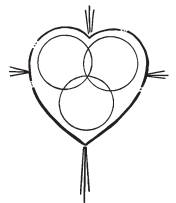
**New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,
Would furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray.**



ANTIPHON

Priest: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

GREETING

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant introduces the Mass

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

All: **I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Choir: **Kyrie eleison.** (Lord, have mercy.)
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)
Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)

Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

GLORIA

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.**

**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

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:6-9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM *From Ps 144 (145)*

R. The Lord is close to all who call him

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Choir: You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Comfort, O Lord the soul of thy servant
W Crotch 1775-1847

Choir: **Comfort, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant
For unto Thee do I lift up my soul.**

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

407. Lord, thy word abideth
**Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The People STAND



THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

THE SECOND READING *Philippians 1:20-24, 27*
A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

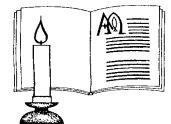
v. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

v. Blessings on the King who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1-16*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *The people SIT***NICENE CREED** *The people STAND*

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end of the prayers:

People: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The gifts will now be taken up to the altar
and a collection will be taken from the congregation.

The offertory refers to two related parts of a service: the ceremonial presentation of gifts (bread and wine for Communion, and money from the collection) to the altar, and the act of giving by the congregation as a sign of gratitude to God and participation in the Mass. It symbolises bringing the fruits of God's creation and the community's contributions to God's purposes, preparing for the Eucharist.

The people STAND,

OFFERTORY HYMN

355 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
Of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide of the nations from the night profound
Into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love,
The brothers of thy well-beloved Son;
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
Into our hearts, that we may be as one:
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
As one with him, our Brother and our Friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,
One with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
One in the power that makes thy children free
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word;
We ask no victories that are not thine:
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
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 people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walks with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying: