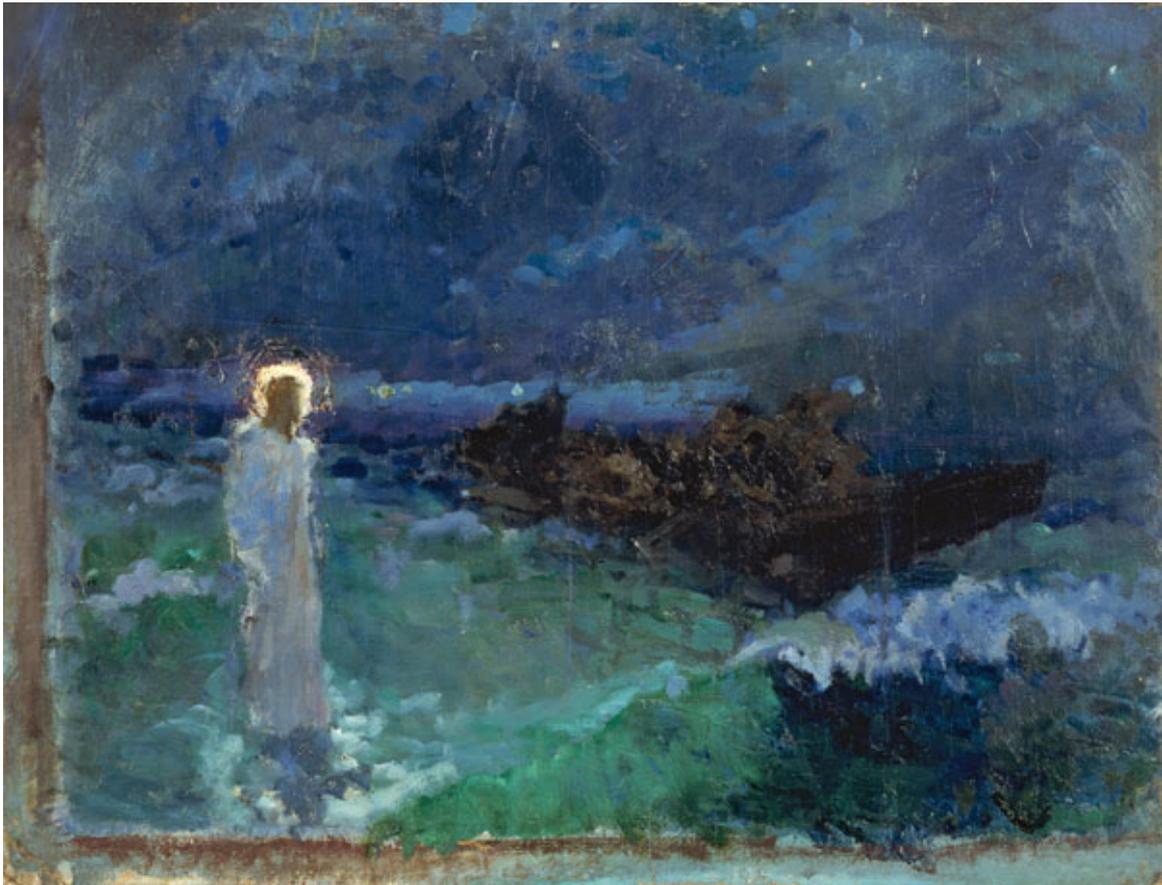


# **Service for Ninth Sunday after Trinity**



**The Parishes of  
St Paul's Clifton and Cotham**

## The Gathering

**Introit:** Blessed is the man – Pavel Tchesnokov

*(recorded at St Paul's at the wedding of Martin and Hilary Laker 25 years ago)*

*Words of welcome, introduction and invitation*

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,

all slander and malice,

and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*Pause for silent reflection*

You are the never-ceasing open gift of love;

we turn in upon ourselves.

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

You live beyond all centres of power;

we enclose your grace.

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

You rejoice in a multitude of names;

we try to pin you down.

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

May the God of love and mercy bring us back to himself,

forgive us our sins,

and embrace us in his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Canticle:** O Praise the Lord of Heaven – Tim Warren

*(recorded at St Paul's at the wedding of Martin and Hilary Laker 25 years ago)*

## **The Collect**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading: I Kings 19.9-18**

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn:**

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
Such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
Such a heart as joys in love.

*George Herbert*

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.22-33**

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

**Reflection:** Pippa White

## **Profession of Faith**

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

**I believe and trust in God.**

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

**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

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?

**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:**

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

## **The Intercessions:**

### **Response:**

Jesus, lord of time,  
**hold us in your eternity.**

Jesus, image of God,  
**travel with us the life of faith.**

Jesus, friend of sinners,  
**heal the brokenness of our world.**

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
**draw us into your future. Amen.**

**Anthem:** Faire is the Heaven – William Harris

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and YouTube livestream***



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here

**God's 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.**

Lifegiving God,

your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not,  
inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth,  
of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world  
for their lives so different from our own  
and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary's flesh  
and nurtured by her faith;

he walked the growing earth  
and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily,  
child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labour of all creation's yearning;  
in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God;  
he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him  
with animals and angels

and all who hope for a new creation,  
we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

**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 ask that your Holy Spirit  
will fall upon us and upon these gifts  
that these fragile, earthly things  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ;

who, on the night that he was betrayed,  
gathered with his faltering friends  
for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
'This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper,  
he took the cup, saying:  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now  
he offers himself in touch and taste  
beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created  
in heaven and on earth,  
whose cross and resurrection make all things new.  
We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring,  
for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift  
through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness  
we make our prayer with all created life  
to the glory of the God who fills all in all  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father,  
in the words of the Son

**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 forever. Amen.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Here is the table of the Lord,  
**we are gathered to his supper,  
a foretaste of things eternal.**

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.  
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.  
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.  
Come, there is room for all.

**Music:** Ubi Caritas - Duruflé

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

#### **The Blessing**

May the outrageous welcome of the Father  
accept us for who we are;  
may the incarnation of the Word  
touch and hold us close;  
may the wandering of the Spirit  
help us risk ourselves for love;  
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.**

#### **Anthem:**

Riemuitkoom sielusi Herrassa (*Let The Soul Rejoice In The Lord*) – Aleksei Lvov  
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