

St Andrew's Gorleston
WORSHIP TOGETHER
Morning Praise
Sunday 26th October 2025
Last Sunday after Trinity



Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, from our hearts we thank you for the light of this new day. May we so spend its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that when evening comes we may again give you thanks. Guide and help us in every part of our life:

Our tongues, that we speak no false or angry words:

Lord, keep us from wrong-speaking.

Our actions, that we may do nothing to shame ourselves or hurt others:

Lord, keep us from wrong-doing.

Our minds, that we may think no evil or bitter thoughts:

Lord, keep us from wrong-thinking.

Our hearts, that they may be set only on pleasing you:

Lord, keep us in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

God has spoken – by his prophets,

spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
Light of Light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking – by his Spirit

speaking to our hearts again;
in the ageless Word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is holding fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

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Confession

We come to the Lord as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to confess our sins and to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Father, the constancy of your caring love never ceases to amaze us.
We confess that our lives are often careless and sometimes loveless.

When our love for you is weak, forgive us:

O God, have mercy.

When our concern for those in need is inadequate, forgive us:

O God, have mercy.

When our giving is meagre and thoughtless, forgive us:

O God, have mercy.

When we are self-centred and heartless. When we distrust the generosity of others or suspect their motives:

O God, have mercy.

When we lack the vision and dedication to bring relief and care to the hungry, the homeless, the displaced person or the refugee, forgive us:

O God, have mercy

Help us, O God, to shoulder our responsibilities in the strength of our risen Saviour and Lord, and by your grace to become agents of your transforming love, for the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent and who in Christ has reconciled all things in heaven and earth, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, keep you in life eternal and grant you grace to walk the path of forgiveness and freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sing

My Jesus, my Saviour,

Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.*

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Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Bible reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sing

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.

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Bible reading

Luke 18:9-14

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

¹³ 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

¹⁴ 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.

Fire of the Spirit burn for our enduring

Wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!

We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,

the will that lacks the courage to be free,

the weary labours, all but unavailing,

to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,

a true repentance and a faith restored,

a swift obedience and a new possessing,

filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,

unnumbered voices with a single prayer:

the living water for our souls' reviving,

in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,

true to one calling, by one vision stirred;

one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,

one in the truth of Jesus and His word.

So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,

one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,

to praise his glory, risen and ascended,

Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world and loves it and sustains it?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who came into the world not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who fills all creation and who pours out his love in the hearts of those who seek him?

We believe and trust in him.

Will you then constantly ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you may love and serve God, your neighbours and each other, after the

example of Christ and in accordance with the Father's will?

By God's help we will. Amen.

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

Notices and Birthdays

Hymn

And can it be that I should gain

an interest in the Saviour's blood?

Died he for me, who caused his pain?

For me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be

that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!

Who can explore his strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries

to sound the depths of love divine.

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,

let angel minds inquire no more.

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let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above –

so free, so infinite his grace –

emptied himself of all but love,

and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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Final Prayer

**O God, we are your children and you love us:
so deep is your love that nothing we have done, or thought to do,
shall take away the peace you give;
so strong is your love that no passing trouble shall tear us from
your arms;
so precious is your love that all our life shall be lived in your
service – and yours shall be the glory, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

The Father's love enfold you, the grace of Christ uphold you, the Holy Spirit guide you; one God to walk beside you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

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