

19/10/25 - Trinity 18

GATHERING SONG
Stand Firm

Stand, O stand firm!
Stand, O stand firm!
Stand, O stand firm,
and see what the Lord can do!

O, you people stand very firm...

O, my brothers stand very firm...

O, my sisters stand very firm...

O, God's people stand very firm...

ENTRANCE HYMN

Stand

116 All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord, You are gracious and compassionate:

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy,
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

Lord, You are loving to all:

Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy,
Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.

Lord, Your faithful servants bless Your Name:

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy,
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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.

Glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.
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, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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, Amen.
Amen, Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace to people of goodwill

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING:

Genesis 32.22-31

Sit

‘I Have Seen God Face To Face’

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives,
his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the
ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across
the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob
was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until
daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail
against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and

Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 121

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

***Continue In What You Have Learned
And Firmly Believed***

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that

are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Stand</i>
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Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 18.1-8

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Pray Always

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” ’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY*Sit***NICENE CREED***Stand*

**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 from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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.**

INTERCESSIONS*Stand*

**Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

**✕ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

PEACE

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. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: My Soul Is At Rest In God Alone

**My soul is at rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from God.**

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

You can also donate using the card machine at the back if you'd prefer.

Anyone who uses the Parish Giving Scheme can use a token to indicate their giving.

OFFERTORY HYMN: All Are Welcome

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
*Refrain***

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

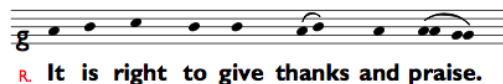
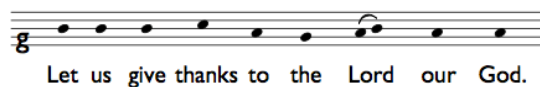
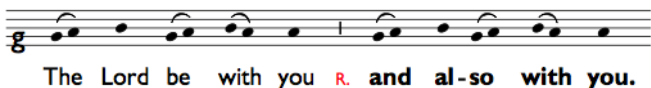
OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**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 Church.**

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts, that,
through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is He,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:

**When we eat this bread,
and drink this cup,
we proclaim Your death, O Lord,
until You come again,
until You come again.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic
Prayer
At the end all sing*



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring your service sheet with you.

COMMUNION HYMN:
312 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go *Sit*

COMMUNION HYMN:
God Of Justice

**God of Justice, Saviour to all,
came to rescue the weak and the poor,
chose to serve and not be served.**

**Jesus, You have called us,
freely we've received,
now freely we will give.**

***We must go:
live to feed the hungry,
stand beside the broken,
we must go.
Stepping forward, keep us from just singing,
move us into action,
we must go***

**To act justly everyday,
loving mercy in every way,
walking humbly before You God.**

**You have shown us, what You require.
Freely we've received,
now freely we will give**

Chorus

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Stand*

We praise and thank you,
O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.
Amen

NOTICES *Sit*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

<i>Stand</i>

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ May almighty God bless you,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

287 Be Thou My Vision
