

# ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

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**Sung Eucharist, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Last Sunday after Trinity**



*Jesus healing the blind man, Rupnik, Marko Ivan, 1954-*

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## Welcome

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Eucharist! We hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments after the service.

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**THE GATHERING**

*Please stand as the clergy enter*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgements.  
(*Psalm 119.108*)

Let us proceed in peace  
**In the name of Christ, Amen!**

**Entrance Hymn:** Holy Father, Great Creator

**Holy Father, great Creator,  
source of mercy, love, and peace,  
look upon the Mediator,  
clothe us with his righteousness;  
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,  
through the Saviour hear and bless.**

**Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,  
whom angelic hosts proclaim,  
while we hear thy wondrous story,  
meet and worship in thy Name,  
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,  
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.**

**Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,  
come with unction from above,  
touch our hearts with sacred fire,  
fill them with the Savior's love.  
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,  
cheer us with the Savior's love.**

**God the Lord, through every nation  
let thy wondrous mercies shine.  
In the song of thy salvation  
every tongue and race combine.  
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,  
form our hearts and make them thine.**

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

**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The President declares absolution.*

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.**

## **Kyrie & Gloria** *we sing*

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

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

**The Collect** *we remain standing*

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

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,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Jeremiah 31.7-9 Read by Joel Gillin *we sit*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126** sung to a chant by Kathryn Rose (born 1980) *we remain seated whilst the choir sings*

**The Second Reading:** Hebrews 7.23-28. Read by Lara McCoy *we sit*

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** Thou, Whose Almighty Word *please stand*

**Thou, whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight:  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,**

**Let there be light!**

**Saviour, you came to bring  
On your redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind:  
Now to all humankind  
Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
Life giving, holy Dove,  
Speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride:  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light!**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10.46-52 *please remain standing*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous. **Alleluia!** (*Psalm 146.8*)

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *please sit*

**The Nicene Creed** *please 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.**

*\*For ecumenical reasons, and according to the Anglican – Oriental Orthodox Agreement, Filioque can be omitted.*

**Prayers of Intercession** *please sit or stand*

*The response to the petition*  
Lord, in your mercy *is*  
**hear our prayer.**

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### **The Peace** *please stand*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. *Please wave or use a 'Namaste' greeting.*

### **Preparation of the Table**

#### **Offertory Hymn:** Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old

**Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave.  
To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,  
the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper with his tainted life,  
the sick with fevered frame.**

**And lo! thy touch brought life and health,  
gave hearing, strength, and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
owned thee, the Lord of light:**

**and now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch,  
as by Gennesaret's shore.**

**Be thou our great deliverer still,  
thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work and eyes that see,  
give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise thee evermore.**

*If you would like to make a donation to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy then please do so after the service as you exit the Church – we have a contactless payment option or offerings can be made in the basket provided. Thank you!*

*Please stand whilst the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more prayers may be said.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, 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 set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

*This, or another suitable prayer may be read:*

Lord God, you have opened to us the scriptures:  
grant that in the breaking of this bread we may recognise the Word made flesh,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer** *please stand*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.  
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.  
And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## **The Breaking of 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.**

## **The Agnus Dei** *we sing*

**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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion:*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Music During Communion** *the Choir sing or instrumental music is played*

*PLEASE WAIT TO BE INVITED BY THE VERGER TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.*

*We kindly ask that you extend your hands, with your face covering in place. You may lower or unloop your face mask to consume the consecrated bread and then replace the face mask before moving back to your place in the congregation.*

*The president and people receive communion. The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

**Post-Communion Hymn: The Church's One Foundation** *please sit*

**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is His new creation,  
by water and the Word;  
from heaven He came and sought her  
to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her,  
and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder,  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her  
and false sons in her pale,  
against the foe or traitor  
she ever shall prevail.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with Thee.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now, says the Lord, for you will be filled. (Luke 6.21)

*Silence is kept.*

### **Post-Communion Prayers**

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Some brief announcements may be made by the president*

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

**Recessional Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** *please stand*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor  
to our forebears in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the high eternal One!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

*The ministers and people depart.*

**PLEASE WAIT TO BE GUIDED OUT SAFELY BY THE VERGER**  
Thank you for joining us in worship today, we hope to welcome you again soon!

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