



All Saints
NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH



Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac

Rembrandt van Rijn 1634

Parish Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Trinity
28 June 2026

Welcome

whether you are a visitor, newcomer or regular. Children are always welcome here. Everything you will need is included in this booklet. Please do join in with the words in bold print and stand or sit as you are able. Toilet facilities are available in the right-hand corner as you look towards the back of the church. Do stay and enjoy refreshments and conversation at the rear of the church after the service.

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The Gathering

We keep a short time of quiet reflection, Entrance Bells sound, we stand to sing

Hymn

A&M 676

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The president greets the people:

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.**

The president introduces the service

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.

**Our hands were unclean, our hearts were
unprepared;**

**we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from
under your table.**

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him;

and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

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.

Gloria

Standing we sing

(Thorne)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the
Highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the
Highest.**

Collect Prayer

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Please sit*

A reading from the book Genesis

(22.1-14)

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill^[a] his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,”^[b] as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”^[c]

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 13

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ **and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ **I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

(6.12-end)

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Please stand*

A&M 383

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.

Gospel *Please turn to face the Gospel Book as it is carried into the congregation.*

Deacon

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and
who is to come, the almighty

Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

(10.40-end)

Jesus said to the Twelve, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Remain standing during the music as the Gospel Book is brought back.

Sermon *All sit for the sermon*

Creed *Please stand*

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and**

the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions *Please sit or kneel*

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace *Please stand*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father,
peace from his Son Jesus Christ, who is our
peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-
giver. The peace of the triune God be always
with you

and also with you.

Deacon

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please exchange signs of peace with those
around you.*

Offertory Hymn

Verses 1,8 and 10 A&M 791

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
we worship thee!

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry;
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
And endless praise.

During the hymn, bread and wine and the offerings of the congregation are collected and taken to the altar. After the hymn, the president prays over the gifts:

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on
this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into
your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing

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 indeed right, our duty and our
joy, always and everywhere to give
you thanks, almighty and eternal
Father,

while angels and archangels and the powers of all
creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Thorne

**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 praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

+ He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

+ When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Giving of Communion

Agnus Dei *Please sit as we sing*

Thorne

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.

All who normally receive communion in any Christian church are most welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Gluten free wafers are available. Alternatively, you are most welcome to come forward for a Blessing. Please ask one of the Churchwardens or other helpers if you would like assistance to come up to communion, or if you would like the clergy to bring communion to you in your place.

Communion Hymn *Sung seated*

Tune Ash Grove Trad. Welsh

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith
confessing, the people of God from His dwelling
take leave.

The supper is ended: O, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching
shall blossom in action for God and for man.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.
With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face, our faith
ever sharing, to love ever caring,
embracing as brothers and sisters our world.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and
thanksgiving, give honour to Christ
and this name that we bear.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**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**

Notices *We share thanks and requests, news and upcoming events*

Final Hymn *Please stand*

A&M 810

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.

Thou, who didst come to bring,
on Thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth Thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place,
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,

Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

God the Holy Trinity strengthen you in faith,
defend you on every side
and keep you in love and peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Music postlude. The ministers depart

***Do stay after the service to enjoy refreshments, which
are served at the back of church.***

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