

# **ST ANDREWS CHURCH - MOSCOW**

## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025.**



### **A SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

*(Genesis 28:17)*

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

*(1 Peter 2:5)*

We begin our worship by singing:

**Opening Hymn:** 290 – I danced in the morning

Good morning and welcome in the name of Christ. Let us pray:

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.' We long for the fire of God's cleansing to touch our unclean lips, for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out. So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit with repentance in our hearts.

*(cf Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4)*

*A moment of silence:*

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *(All Stand)*

**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**

Let us say the Collect together:

**Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.**

**Hymn:** 308 – I'm not ashamed to own my Lord

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading – Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

<sup>4</sup> The word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'

<sup>6</sup> 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.'

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 71:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;  
turn your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup> Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;  
give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

<sup>5</sup> For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,  
my confidence since my youth.

<sup>6</sup> From my birth I have relied on you;  
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.  
I will ever praise you.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Second Reading – Hebrews 12: 18-29**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.'

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' <sup>27</sup> The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** 706 – We pray thee, heavenly Father

**Gospel reading - Luke 13: 10-17**

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.'

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?

<sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION/HOMILY

### THE NICENE CREED *(All stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.**

**His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.**

**He proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

**He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*This response is used:*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE PEACE** (*All stand.*)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace. (*cf Colossians 3:15*)  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn:** 419 – Lord, today your voice is calling

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together:

**Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### ACCLAMATION

The Word of life which was from the beginning  
**we proclaim to you.**

The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining;  
**the Word of life which was from the beginning.**

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,  
and touched with our hands,  
**we proclaim to you.**

For our fellowship is with the Father,  
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of life which was from the beginning  
we proclaim to you.**

**Closing Hymn: 243 – Hail, thou once despised Jesus**

### CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word.

May it be a lantern to our feet,  
a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### THE GRACE:

We say together:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the Love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. Amen**

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