

Today's hymns: 490, 89, 605, 430

Welcome

A warm welcome to you, whether you are joining us in Bonn (9.30am) or Cologne (11.45am). In church, please note:

- Please wear a surgical mask or an FFP2 / KN95 mask.
- Please observe social distancing.
- Please follow the instructions if you would like to receive Holy Communion, in either one kind (bread) or two (bread and wine). The body and blood of Christ may be completely received in one kind only.
- Please place your donation in the collection basket during the offertory hymn, or donate by bank transfer (account details on the front page).

Coming up this week

*Tuesday 9 August, 7.30pm: **Evening Prayer** on Zoom.*

*Saturday 13 August, 12-4pm: **Garden Party** at St. Paulus, Bonn-Beuel.*

Come along and bring all your friends!

Looking ahead

*Thursday 18 August, 7.30pm: **Book Club** meets on Zoom to discuss Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* (Parts I and II).*

*Saturday 20 August, 7pm: **Guitar concert with Yentl Adams** at All Saints, Cologne. Yentl is a promising singer-songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist from Belgium with a percussive guitar style and expressive vocals. Drinks and refreshments will be served after the concert. Free entry with a retiring collection. We politely request you to wear a mask during the concert.*

*Saturday 27 August: **Ecumenical pilgrimage** to Echternach, Luxembourg, with the Old Catholic congregation of St Cyprian. We start from Bonn at 8am by minibuss and car. The pilgrimage route leads through the beautiful Mullerthal, with stops along the way (bring a packed lunch). Depending on the weather, we will celebrate the Eucharist in the forest or in the crypt of the [Basilica of St Willibrord](#). We end the day with dinner together before returning to Bonn.*

*Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 September: **International Old Catholic Congress**, Bonn. More info: <https://www.iakk2022.de/en/welcome/>*

Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website.

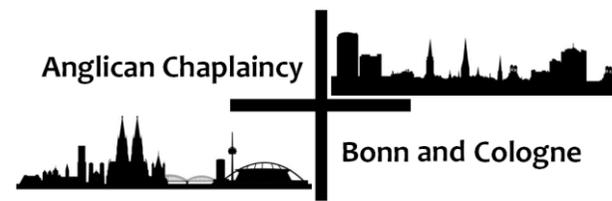
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WELCOME

Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time.

**Sunday 7 August 2022
Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

President and preacher:
Revd Michael Bullock

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both
our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Old Testament reading – Isaiah 1.1,10-20
The Vision of Isaiah**

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

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Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation — I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. ¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 50.1-8, 23,24

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence.**

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

**He calls the heaven above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

'Gather to me my faithful,
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

**Let the heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
'I will testify against you, O Israel;
for I am God, your God.

**'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,
for your burnt offerings are always before me.**

'You that forget God, consider this well,
lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.

**'Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me
and to those who keep my way
will I show the salvation of God.'**

New Testament reading – Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

The Faith of Abraham

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in

the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel reading – Luke 12.32-40

Be Watchful

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.