

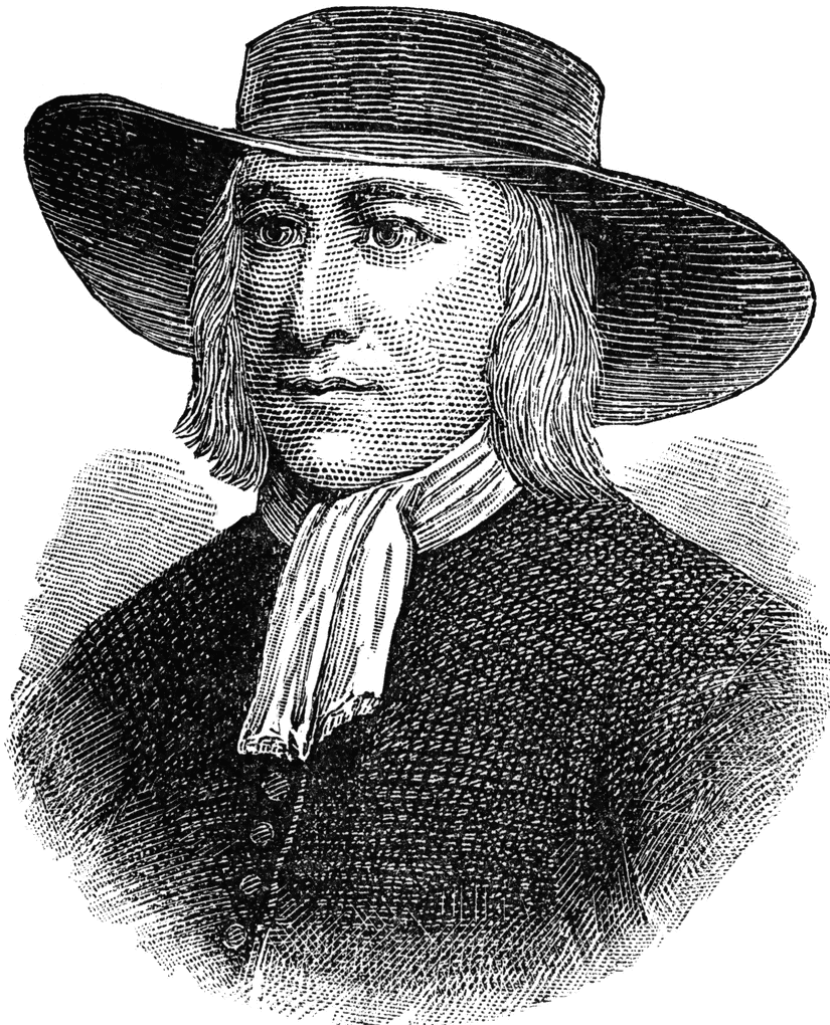


Holy Trinity Geneva

Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th January 2025

George Fox, and the Society of Friends
(CW Order One) Traditional Language



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the life-giving Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Introduction to the Eucharist

This morning we are commemorating George Fox. Through whom the Society of Friends, often called the Quakers, came into being. As we approach the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, it is good to remember that Christians come in all manner of shapes and sizes! There are also other commemorations during this week, and I will provide short outlines of these in the Homily section of this order of service.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires
known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify
thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and
thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with
all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

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

Collect

Let us pray...

Ever-living God, God of grace and of beauty
We thank thee for the life and witness
of thy servant George Fox.

May we recognise in our lives the value of silence,
and attend to the inner voice of the Holy Spirit.

So that at the last, we may inherit the joys of thy Kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord
who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the First Epistle of Saint John, chapter 1, vv. 1 - 7

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make your joy complete.⁵

¹This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149 Cantate Domino vv. 1 - 5

1. O SING unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.
2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his Name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people: and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5. Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them rejoice in their beds.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Lord all ye his hosts; praise him in the height ,
praise the Lord all you servants of the Lord, all you that do his good pleasure.

Alleluia

Gospel : St Matthew 13. Vv 44, 45; 52

The holy gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying:

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY - Canon Alan Amos

Summary : George Fox

George Fox was born at Fenny Drayton in Leicestershire in 1624, the son of a weaver, and was himself apprenticed to a shoe-maker. He became something of a wayfarer from 1643 for about three years, loosening all ties with his family and friends. The 'Inner Light of the Living Christ' became his watchword in 1646 and he began to preach that the truth could only be found through the Inner Voice speaking directly to each soul. His society of 'The Friends of Truth' was formed at about this time, clearly a protest against the authoritarianism of the Presbyterian system, and many believers joined. Their practice of welcoming God into the soul, often whilst in a state of trance, which caused bodily movement, led to Gervase Bennet nicknaming them the 'Quakers' in 1650. Although meant as a term of abuse, it quickly became a name they themselves adopted. Fox spent several spells in gaol because of his determination to preach where he would and what he willed; he also made many missionary journeys around England, on the continent, and to North America and the West Indies. He had a charismatic personality combined with excellent organizational abilities, which proved a solid foundation for ensuring the continuance of his beliefs and practices. He died on this day in 1691.

[From 'Exciting Holiness.']

Other commemorations this week:

Hilary of Poitiers, 367 Bishop and Teacher

Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

Kentigern, also known affectionately as Mungo, which means 'darling', was a missionary bishop in southern Scotland. He died in the year 603 and his tomb is in St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow.

Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

Amy Carmichael, founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, India, 1951

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come from thee O Lord, and it is of thine own that we take and that we offer unto thee.

The bread and the wine for the Eucharist are prepared

The Biddings

For the Church of England, and for the Anglican Communion, for the renewal of faith and of discipleship.

For the coming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; for the Society of Friends, giving thanks for their witness for justice and for peace.

For all suffering peoples in the world, especially praying at this time for the people of Lebanon, Gaza, Palestine and Israel, the people of Ukraine and of Russia, and we pray for those suffering from the conflicts in Sudan, and in Haiti.

Come Holy Spirit and fill the dark places in the world with your presence, where there is war, fighting, and armed conflicts. Bring your healing.

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Liz Kernen, Jonathan Bezzola, David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellerier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

May the Lord bless them and keep them, and may they know the comfort and strengthening of the Holy Spirit.

And so we pray for the Church throughout the world.

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant CHARLES our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please

thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 St. Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2.1*

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

It is meet and right so to do

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the

whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this;

for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; 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 unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **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.**

AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And with thy spirit

*As we prepare to make our spiritual communion, the following prayer is provided
for our help :*

**We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls
and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present
together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with
your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ... [short pause]**

**Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known
your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where
we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the
life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost
vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and
that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of
thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion
of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to
assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all**

such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,
We praise thee, we bless thee, we
worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
thanks to thee, for thy great glory O
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with
the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**