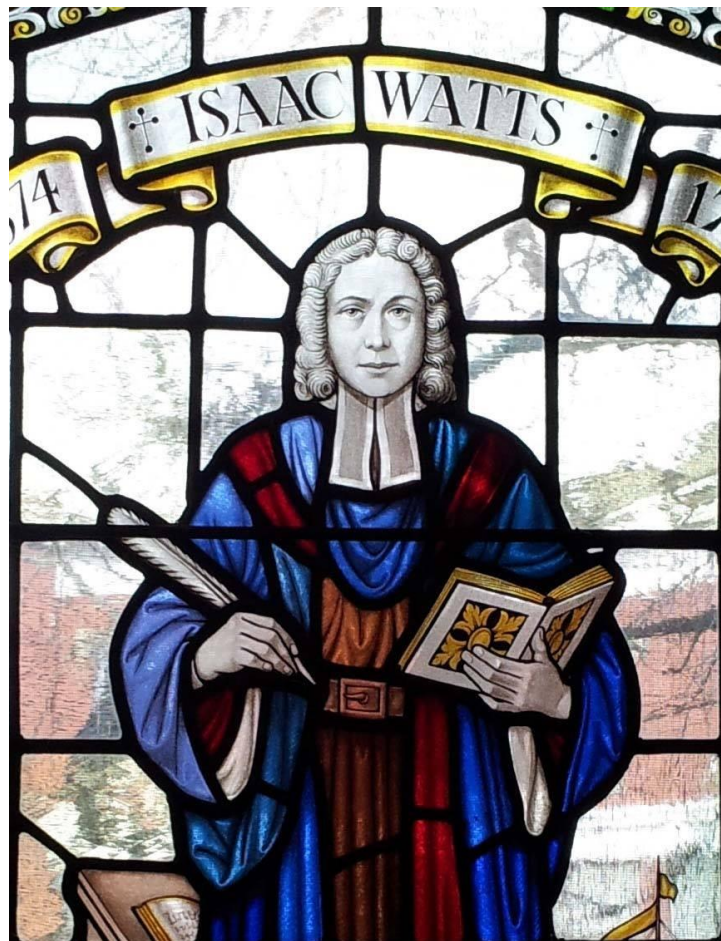




## Holy Trinity Geneva

Holy Communion  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Isaac Watts, poet and pastor  
( CW Order One ) Traditional Language



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

### **Introduction to the Eucharist**

This morning we commemorate Isaac Watts, 1674 - 1748, one of the greatest of English hymn writers. His commemoration is transferred from 25<sup>th</sup> November. Also remembered at this time is Catherine the 4<sup>th</sup> century martyr of Alexandria.

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 gift of poetry in the life  
of thy servant Isaac Watts;

May we catch enough of his vision of glory  
to be changed into thy likeness  
So that at the last, we may see thee  
as thou truly art,  
our most loving God, Creator and Redeemer,  
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 Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 5, vv. 8 - 10, 15 -20**

Dearly beloved,

At one time you yourselves were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live then as children of light— <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. This is why we say :

'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.'

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is self-indulgence; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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:

<sup>44</sup> '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.

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

<sup>52</sup> 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**

**Isaac Watts, summary:**

Born in Southampton in 1674, Isaac Watts was educated at the local grammar school and would have attended university had he been a member of the Church of England. Instead, he took the opportunity to go to the academy for dissenters at Stoke Newington. He received there an education of high academic standard and he went on to become the pastor to the Independent (or Congregational) Church at Mark Lane in London. Because of his deteriorating health, he resigned this post in 1712 and retired to Stoke Newington. Isaac Watts wrote many collections of hymns and his faith showed clearly through them: *When I survey the wondrous cross, Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* and many others still used in worship. He died at Stoke Newington on this day in 1748. [ *Exciting Holiness, edited.* ]

**Commemoration of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, 4<sup>th</sup> century martyr :**

*According to tradition, Catherine was a girl of a noble family who, because of her Christian faith, refused marriage with the emperor as she was already a 'bride of Christ'. She is said to have disputed with fifty philosophers whose job it was to convince her of her error, and she proved superior in argument to them all. She was tortured on a wheel and then beheaded.*

**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 poets, musicians and composers, all who give glory through music to God.

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 Jonathan Bezzola, David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellier, 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.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Bryan Pattison, Janet Coleman, Munir Sharaiha and Anthony Cave. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

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.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Ever-loving God,  
we thank thee that with psalms and hymns  
we may praise thee with rejoicing and mirth;  
help us ever to be mindful of the cost of our redemption,  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. **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.**