



Welcome

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

28 September



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings*

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Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart
to fear,
and grace my fears relieved
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers, toils and
snares
I have already come
'tis grace that brought me safe thus
far
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised good to me
his word my hope secures
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**5 When we've been there a thousand
years
bright shining as the sun
we've no less days to sing God's
praise
than when we first begun.**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*The priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen**.*

*The **Gloria** is sung from the **separate music
sheet**.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

God, who in generous mercy sent the
Holy Spirit upon your Church in the
burning fire of your love: grant that your
people may be fervent in the fellowship of
the gospel that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and
active in service; 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.**

We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.

First Reading

Amos 6.1a,4-7, read by Tony

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts:

¹Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount
Samaria!

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the
harp, and like David improvise on
instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine
from bowls, and anoint themselves with
the finest oils, but are not grieved over
the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to
go into exile, and the revelry of the
loungers shall pass away.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6.6-19, read by Tom

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined
with contentment; ⁷for we brought
nothing into the world, so that we can
take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food
and clothing, we will be content with
these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall
into temptation and are trapped by many
senseless and harmful desires that plunge
people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the
love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,
and in their eagerness to be rich some
have wandered away from the faith and
pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this;
pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,
endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good
fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal
life, to which you were called and for

which you made the good confession in
the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the
presence of God, who gives life to all
things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his
testimony before Pontius Pilate made the
good confession, ¹⁴I charge you to keep
the commandment without spot or blame
until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus
Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the
right time – he who is the blessed and
only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord
of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has
immortality and dwells in unapproachable
light, whom no one has ever seen or can
see; to him be honour and eternal
dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are
rich, command them not to be haughty, or
to set their hopes on the uncertainty of
riches, but rather on God who richly
provides us with everything for our
enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be
rich in good works, generous, and ready
to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves
the treasure of a good foundation for the
future, so that they may take hold of the
life that really is life.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards
the Gospel book.*

**O strength and stay upholding all
creation,
who ever dost thyself unmoved
abide,
yet day by day the light in due
gradation
from hour to hour through all its
changes guide;**

**2 grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending
with dawning glories of the eternal day.**

**3 Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal word,
who with the Holy Ghost by all things living
now and to endless ages art adored.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you
Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
 Jesus Christ according to *Luke*
 16.19-31

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your

lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house - ²⁸for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon.

We stand to say the Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in One Lord Jesus Christ
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. **Amen.**

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow.*

At the end:

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

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest:	The peace of the Lord be with you always
All	And also with you
Priest	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn***

**Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
ancient of eternal days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.**

**2 Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the seas, or built the sky,
love eternal, free, and boundless,
moved the Lord of life to die,
fore-ordained the Prince of princes
for the throne of Calvary.**

**3 There, for us and our redemption,
see him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
dies that we may die no more;
then, arising, lives for ever,
reigning where he was before.**

**4 High on yon celestial mountains
stands his sapphire throne, all bright,
midst unending alleluias
bursting from the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight.**

**5 Bring your harps, and bring your
incense,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
he the lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead, and lives for ay.**

Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
All	Blessed be God for ever.

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Priest Pray my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hand, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which we reply **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise...

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
Sanctus and Benedictus from the separate music sheet.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until...

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

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

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread

The Agnus Dei is sung from the separate music sheet

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The congregation approaches the altar to receive
Communion.

All those who are in good standing with their own Church are invited to receive Communion.

Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail or bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.

Post Communion Prayers:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We say together:

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.

*Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.
and then the Priest says:*

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal**.*

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his light
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**3 Ye saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.**

**4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Tuesday 30 September

3pm Memorial Service for the late Maroussia Richardson RIP

Wednesday 1 October

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 2 October

I am Baby Broadway **

Friday 3 October

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 4 October

6pm & 8pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 5 October

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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