



Welcome

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

13 September



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We **stand** as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!**

**2 Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**

**3 Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**

**4 Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

**5 Jesus lives! To him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!**

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 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

Genesis 50.15-21, read by Max

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.'
¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Second Reading

Romans 14.1-12, read by Noel

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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.

**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.**

All remain standing (if able) 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
Matthew (18.21-35)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not

seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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***

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring
your love
Where there is injury your pardon,
Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith
in you

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never
 seek
 So much to be consoled as to console
 To be understood as to understand
 To be loved, as to love with all my soul*

2 Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me
bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master, etc

3 Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to
eternal life

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 friends 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 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 **music sheet***

*The Priest will invite you to the Altar, using these
or other suitable words*

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

To which we all reply

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.
*We remain seated to sing the **Hymn***

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to that glorious rest above.**

**2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to
shore,
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore:
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watches over them from the throne.**

**3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of every love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'tis a Heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.**

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**.*

**O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller, be.**

**2 O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.**

**3 O joy that seekest me through
pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.**

**4 O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red
life that shall endless be.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s*

Monday 14 September

10.00 Art Group

Wednesday 15 September

9.30am School Eucharist

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

6.30pm PCC meeting, *at the Rectory Flat*

Friday 18 September

1pm Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 19 September

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight**

Sunday 20 September

11am Parish Sung Eucharist *for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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