



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

25th September 2022



Holy Communion

The Gathering of God's People

Hymn 29

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea
Burning sun and moonlight tender
Hill and river, flower and tree
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow
While unhasting, undelaying
Planets on their courses go
In thy laws thyself displaying
Teach our minds thyself to know

Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move
In our earthly spirits reigning
Lift our hearts that we may love

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee
And, with vision purified
Lord of all, when all have known thee
Thou in all art glorified

Cyril A. Alington (1872 - 1955)
Rhuddlan, Welsh traditional tune

Welcome to our Service today.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
and also with you.

The Collect for Purity

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 Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Priest pronounces the Absolution

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 our Lord. **Amen**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Amos 6. 1 , 4 - 7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 146. 1 - 8

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

2 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 6. 6 - 19

A reading from the first letter to Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But 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. For 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. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight 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. In 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, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It 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. As 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. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 403

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826)

Music: Sanctuary, Charles James Dickinson (1822 - 1883)

The Holy Gospel

St. Luke 16. 19 - 31

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St. Luke, Chapter 16 beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He 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." But 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. Besides 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." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He 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." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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 God's People

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people
by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood
and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Bless Paul our bishop and all ministers of your Church,
that by faithful proclamation of your word
we may be built on the foundation of
the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from
above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 491

We have a gospel to proclaim, Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name: We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem, Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim: The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary, Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross, For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell, That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand, By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church, To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim: We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Words: Edward Burns (b. 1938)

Music: William Gardiner (1770 - 1853)

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

At the Preparation of the Table

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from slavery to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as he was with them in the upper room so our Lord is here with us now.

Until the kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give Him thanks and praise

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:

He made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, 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 often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of the Bread and Wine

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Going out as God's People

Hymn 522

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere, their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God, are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one, throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham (1852 - 1941)
Clonmel, Irish Traditional Melody

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God, we have received these tokens of your promise. May we who have been nourished with holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

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