

The 15th Sunday after Trinity
20th September 2020



The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth

Hymn:

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father. Kneel.
Silence is kept.

**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; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. 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.**

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word - We Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises,

and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;

let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done,

his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O seed of Abraham his servant,

O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he brought them out with silver and gold;

there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

Egypt was glad at their departing,

for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering

and a fire to light up the night.

They asked and he brought them quails;

he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out

and ran in the dry places like a river.

For he remembered his holy word

and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought forth his people with joy,

his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations

and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

That they might keep his statutes

and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

The First lesson :Philippians 1: 21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Canticle : Jubilate

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Know that the Lord he is God;

it is he who has made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Come into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

**For the Lord is good his loving mercy is for ever,
his faithfulness throughout all generations.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 20: 1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,* he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.* Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.* And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?* Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”* So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’*

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

Sermon - Canon Michael Parker

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he

ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray - we kneel together

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.
O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.
O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for 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.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we
give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from
falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us
to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious
favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our
works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your
holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

As we close our prayers we keep silence.

May the God of all hope fill you with all joy & peace in believing, so
that by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Go in peace

To love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Parish Notices

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are isolating at home. Google St Gall's Church to find our parish
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