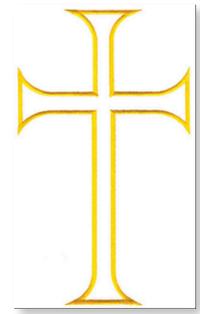


The 16th Sunday after Trinity
27th September 2020



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 78

Hear my teaching, O my people;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will pour forth mysteries from of old,

Such as we have heard and known,

which our forebears have told us.

We will not hide from their children,

but will recount to generations to come,

the praises of the Lord and his power

and the wonderful works he has done.

For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears,

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He divided the sea and let them pass through;

he made the waters stand still in a heap.

He led them with a cloud by day

and all the night through with a blaze of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the rock

and made water gush out like rivers.

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 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Canticle : Venite Psalm 95: 1-7

O come let us sing out to the Lord;

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving.

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God.

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it,

his hands moulded dry land.

Come let us worship and bow down.

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

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 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord,
Hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,

and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you
is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in
all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your
protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern
us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence but may remember that we
are always walking in your sight, 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.

To God, who by the power at work within us, is able to do far more
abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the Church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace

To love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Parish Notices

For folks at home. Google St Gall's Church to find our parish website. Put St Gall's Church into YouTube and 'Like' and 'Subscribe' to the St Gall's channel.

Our Easter Vestry will be held this year on Sunday 11th October after the 10 a.m. service This will be a short meeting to elect the Select Vestry so that they can continue to the work of the parish. Please attend if you can.

Bangor Storehouse : The 11th October will be our Harvest Sunday this year. Can you bring a tin? We are collecting for Storehouse. Please try and support our local food banks if you can. They make all the difference.

Christian Aid: An appeal has been launched to respond to the needs of overseas communities struggling with Covid 19. Aid agencies are working with partners to provide basic medical care & support - www.christianaid.ie to give directly. Or you can ring 9064 8133 to make a donation to the Belfast office.