



15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ALL AGE MASS 17th September 2023

President & Preacher: Fr Daniel Burton

**A warm welcome to Mass today – it's good
to have you with us!**

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the bell rings, to sing our first hymn:

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

✠ We gather for worship in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

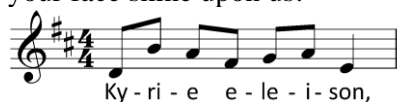
And also with you.

The President offers some words of welcome. Then:

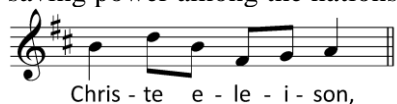
God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us
by the Holy Spirit.

Repeat each sung line after the Cantor:

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make
your face shine upon us:



May your ways be known on the earth, your
saving power among the nations:



You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and
reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:



The President pronounces God's Absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on you,

✠ forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen.

The Collect of the day is prayed:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth, that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Remain STANDING to sing the Gospel Acclamation; the cantor sings a verse, and we then repeat the alleluia.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Cantor sings:

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening; you have the words of eternal life.

We repeat the alleluias.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But 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.’’ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you

pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Matthew 18:21-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you O Christ.

The address follows. Then stand for:

My brothers and sisters, do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The prayers follow; please SIT or KNEEL. Between each bidding:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers end:

Merciful Father,

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

Please STAND

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

God is love

and those who live in love live in God

and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ’s peace.

As the Altar is prepared, we sing the offertory hymn.

Please gather around the altar at the end of 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 is doubt true faith in You.

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

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.

Make me a channel of your peace
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
 It is in giving to all men that we receive
 And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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.

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.

The President takes the bread and wine:

Wise and gracious God,
 you spread a table before us;
 nourish your people with the word of life
 and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.
 And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Christ.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Repeat each line after the Cantor:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might,
 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's \times body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'
 After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

Repeat each line after the Cantor:

Christ has died,
 Christ is ris'n,
 Christ will come a - gain.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

We all say together in aloud voice:

AMEN!

Silent prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in
faith and love we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,.....

The President breaks the blessed bread for all to share:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

We say Agnus Dei:

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only
say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*Baptised persons who are communicant members of Churches
which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in
good standing in their own church, may receive Holy Communion
at this service. If you prefer to receive a blessing, keep your hands
at your side and your head bowed...*

When all have received Holy Communion:

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SIT for the notices, then STAND for

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God ✠ the Father, the Son

and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

Amen.

We sing the final hymn:

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sign,
All the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
From the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
All that is not holy,
all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

The Deacon dismisses the people:

The mass is ended: go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.