

ORDER OF SERVICE – PRAYERS, READINGS AND SONGS –
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 – TRINITY 15

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER:

**Our Father, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth;
That our consciences may be quickened by your holiness,
Our minds nourished by your truth,
Our imaginations purified by your beauty,
Our hearts opened by your love,
Our wills surrendered to your purpose;
And may all this be gathered up in adoration as we ascribe glory, praise and
honour to you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 105:1-7

¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim
his name;
make known among the nations
what he has done.
² Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice.
⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.
⁵ Remember the wonders he has
done,

his miracles, and the judgments he
pronounced,
⁶ you his servants, the descendants
of Abraham,
his chosen ones, the children of
Jacob.
⁷ He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
**Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be forever. Amen**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

**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**

SONG

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,

And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus they march, their pillar leading
Light by night and shade by day,

Daily on the manna feeding
Which He gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,
I through grace a member am,

Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name;
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
Boasted pomp and empty show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

CONFESSION: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)*

Silence (personal confession)

CONFESSION:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT:

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READING: Philippians 1:21-end

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Life Worthy of the Gospel

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^(e) striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

*This is the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

SONG:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my
Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath
provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses
above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and
love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside!

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

*Hear the Gospel according to Matthew; **Glory to you O Lord.***

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^(a) for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*This is the gospel of Christ; **praise to you O Lord***

SERMON:

SONG:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who died for our forgiveness, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE:

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet together in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Please bring your offering when we return to the building next week.*

If you would prefer to give through the bank, the bank details are:

*Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155***

Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us, and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless us as we seek to obey your word, in giving back to you what you have given to us, in gratitude for your love and grace, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right; it is our duty and our joy, to give you thanks, Holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because you revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshiped and adored.

Hear us heavenly Father, through Christ your Son our Lord, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

Who on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; 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 gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "*Drink this, all of you; 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, proclaiming his saving death and his glorious resurrection and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be renewed by your Spirit and grow into his likeness;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 forever. Amen

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.

Lamb of God

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

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

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

(We) Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for us and his blood which he shed for us. (We) eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for us and feed on him in *our* hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

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

Song during communion

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

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'd first begun.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share his body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Final Song

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Prayer and blessing

God be with you in your going out and in your coming in.
God be with you in your work and in your leisure.
God be with you in life's hills and in its valleys.
God be with you in company and in solitude.
God be with you in all your pilgrimage and at its end.
And the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now
and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen

NOTICES

1. **Please keep your mask on at all times**
2. As you enter please sanitise your hands
3. If you use the toilets please wash your hands with soap thoroughly and use hand sanitizer before returning to your seats.
4. Please remain at least 2 meters from each other entering and leaving the building and coming up for communion.
5. Please sit only two persons per row (one at each end) unless you are family then you can occupy an entire row for your family
6. Please let me know if you **DO NOT** intend to come to next Sunday's service and for each subsequent Sunday. This is to ensure that we have a list to comply with the government's track and trace system.
7. **Course in Christian Studies (CCS)** begins September 21st. Sessions from September to December will be held over zoom. If interested please see Cornelius or contact Diane Hardy in the diocesan office at dHardy@chelmsford.anglican.org
8. **PRAYER POINTS:**
Please continue to pray for: Deborah, Doreen, Jean and Walter, those who are shielding and who are in constant pain; those bereaved during this time of pandemic: Charity, Stella, Ako's family... those affected economically by this pandemic.
9. **Thanks** to Pat for the face masks.
10. If you took a container for the **lent project** and you have not returned it please do so as soon as possible.
11. Please continue to bring items and shoe boxes for the **Operation Christmas Child** charity.
12. If you are on the **Rota to lead** the first half of the service please send me your psalm prior to the service so I can include it on the order of service sheet. If you are not comfortable leading during this Covid-19 time, please let me know.
13. We will be having a small **farewell service of prayers and readings** over the body of our brother Ako before he is sent back to Nigeria for burial. This will be on Friday September 25th at 5pm at T Cribb's funeral home, Victoria House, 10 Woolwich Manor Way, Becton, E6 5PA. If you are able please come by to say a final farewell to our brother Ako.
14. **Thanks** to two people who donated some food for our foodbank this week: Next door neighbour of Pauline and Sam and next door neighbour of Cornelius
15. **NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR HARVEST SERVICE.**
16. **PLEASE TAKE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU.**

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