

Trinity 15 – September 12, 2021

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

And blessed be His kingdom now and 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right
hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming
and going
both now and for evermore.

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

SONG

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of
lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy
prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling
and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of
tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of
lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

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 all our sins and cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.

Silence (for personal confession)

Let us therefore confess our sins:

**Have mercy on us, most merciful
Father; in your compassion forgive us
our sins, known and unknown, things
done and left undone; and so uphold
us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the
honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ABSOLUTION:

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

READINGS:

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus,^[a] the faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he^[b] predestined us for adoption to sonship^[c] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace **8** that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, **9** he^[d] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.
11 In him we were also chosen,^[e] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

COLLECT (Special Prayer):

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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

SONG

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27 – end

Hear the gospel according to Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”
³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^(b) will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

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

SERMON:

Ephesians 1: Praise God for spiritual blessings

SONG

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin, on him, was laid
Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, his body lay
Light of the world, by darkness, slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here, in the power of Christ, I stand

CREED:

Let us declare our faith together:

We believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**We 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.

INTERCESSION:

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

PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the bank: Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church Council*

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 this offering of our money and of ourselves to be used in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG (preparation of table):

Jesus remember me
when you come into your kingdom...

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;
In your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed on him in your 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:

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love,
as my worship to you.
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You
have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this
thankful heart*

You deserve my every breath,
for You've paid the great cost
Giving up your life to death,

even death on a cross
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin
Open up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKS:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with 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

NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS

FINAL SONG:

Praise unbroken; Praise unending
Be Yours, be Yours for evermore.

Praise untainted; Praise unfading
Be Yours, be Yours for evermore.
Be Yours, be Yours for evermore.

*Unbroken praise be Yours, God, forever
All my praise be Yours, God, forever
Lord take this life, let it become Your throne
Unbroken praise, be Yours*

My surrender; My devotion
Be Yours, be Yours for evermore.
Be Yours, be Yours for evermore.

So let my deeds outrun my words
And let my life outweigh my songs

Blessing

May the love of God enfold you;
May the mercy of God forgive you;

May the strength of God support you;
May the joy of God overwhelm you;
May the peace of God console you;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and
remain with you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen

NOTICES

1. **Miriam is available for tutoring.** If you know a child of secondary age who would like a tutor in the core subjects, please take a flyer from Miriam.
2. **Leah's Christmas menu is available for orders.** She is also taking orders for birthdays, anniversaries and other events. Please see Leah for more detail.
3. **Going forward we will only be live streaming on Facebook not YouTube.** Please access the church's Facebook page from the website. *We have been having difficulty with the sound over the last few weeks. I have been told that this could be caused from too much internet traffic. If you are in the building during the service time, please refrain from using the Wi-Fi. Hopefully this will improve the signal so the people at home will be able to hear us.*
4. **Future dates: Harvest and parish lunch** – September 26. **Please invite someone.**
5. **Saturday September 18, from 10-1,** training day for all readers, intercessors and service leaders.
6. **PCC Meeting – Thursday September 16 at 7:30.**
7. **Course in Christian Studies (CCS) resumes week of September 20.** *First year sessions will be held at St. Mark's Beckton. Interested? please see Cornelius*
8. **PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET WITH YOU.** *Use the prayers,*

readings and songs in your daily meditations this week.

9. **Today we begin our Operation Christmas Child appeal.** Please take a list from the back to help to collect items for the shoe boxes.
10. **Deanery Synod will be September 14 at 7:30 at St. Martins Church**
11. **An appeal for help to clean the church.** *If you are available on a Friday to help to clean the church, please see Grace.*
12. **NEWHAM YOUTH FOR CHRIST DATES:**
ACCESS – Friday September 24th, 7pm at Highway church in Stratford; **BIG QUESTIONS**: 22nd October 7:30.
13. **Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every other Friday from 7:30 (September 3, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 11)**
14. **Tuesday evening Bible Study each week on zoom from 8pm.**
15. **Church of England daily prayer:**
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Now that restrictions are lifted, we are not only allowed to sing again but we do not need to wear masks or social distance. If you wish to continue these, you are free to do so. However, please do take all the precautions that you wish to protect yourself if you feel uncomfortable with the lifting of these restrictions.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Countries and governments: Afghanistan,
Haiti, countries and people affected by Covid;
persecuted Christians in many countries;
remember all those who suffered on
September 11 in America and all victims of
terrorism throughout the world...

members:

Pauline, Doreen, Jean, Walter, Monica, Auntie
Janie, all those travelling, children returning
to school ...

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