



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



Sunday 28th September 2025

10am St Mary's,
Kidlington

*In this and all our services the indications to sit/stand are
invitations not instructions.*

Please adopt whatever posture most suits you.

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The Gathering

Hymn: AMNS 123

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the gathering waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; oh, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you

Prayers of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden
to ask for forgiveness and peace.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour,
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest

All: And peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship You, We give You thanks,

We praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect

Let us pray.
We keep silence.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings - *Please sit*

1 Timothy 6.6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, you are God's person: shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16.19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Please sit

Sermon

Chorister Motet - Holy, holy, holy - Schubert

Please stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

At the offertory we offer the eucharistic gifts - bread and wine - for God to transform and bless. As these material gifts are carried through the people to the altar, we also offer ourselves, for God to take, bless, and use for his work in our daily lives.

We do not pass around a collection plate but you are warmly invited to contribute to the costs of ministry in this church by using the card reader at the entrance or through a cash donation in the collection plate beside it as you arrive or leave. You can also donate through our website. Thank you for your generosity which is much appreciated

Offertory Hymn: AMNS 247

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me; thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done. Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing
love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of
Jesus, as we wait for his
coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you,
Father, with Jesus your Son, and the
Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the
glory, for ever and 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.**

Giving of Communion

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have
mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have
mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant
us thy peace.*

The president and people receive communion.

If you prefer a blessing, please do come forward.

Choir anthem: Ave verum corpus - Mozart

Prayer after Communion

We keep silence.

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**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Please stand

The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: AMNS 422

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2025)

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott - Karg-Elert

Prayer Ministry Team

If you would like someone to pray personally and simply with you, for yourself or a loved one, please go to the Lady Chapel after the service. Two members of the Prayer Ministry Team (name-badges on blue lanyards) will be ready to listen and pray. You may like to bring your coffee with you. If someone is already being prayed with, please wait outside the Lady Chapel on the seating provided and you will be attended to as soon as possible. You are also welcome to ask other members of the Prayer Ministry Team (names below) to pray with you. Please note: The usual rules of confidentiality apply.

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team:

Liz Bendor-Samuel, Liz Bruce, Rob Bruce, Jill Buckeldee, Philippa Burrell, Diana Davis, Karen Mason, David Meara, John Morris, Joyce Morris

Safeguarding

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding Officer for our parish, Yo Davies (07865 664451; safeguarding@kidhp.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (01865 208295; safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org).

