

The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

25th September 2022

*In the name of the Lord Jesus we welcome you to St Nicholas Shepperton today. It is wonderful that you have chosen to worship here today. For centuries, people have gathered on this site to support each other, to laugh and cry together, to sing and pray and to come before God and be nourished and sustained at the altar. It is our hope that you will leave here today having been given a glimpse of God's kingdom. **Please join in where indicated in bold.***

Opening Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.**

**Christ doth call one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.**

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.

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

Words of Welcome and Introduction

My sisters and brothers to prepare ourselves to celebrate
these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins:

**Almighty God, our 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. 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**

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Peace to his people on earth,**

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.
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Peace to his people on earth,
peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father: Receive our prayer, receive our
prayer, receive our prayer.

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
the glory, the glory of God the Father
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

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**

First Reading - Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel
secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the
nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those
who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and
eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing
idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise
on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and
anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved

over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Of course, 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, man of God, 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 honour 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.

Hymn

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King.**

**Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

“If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16: 19-31

‘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.

Sermon – Rev Elizabeth Greenwood

Affirmation of faith

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; he became 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.

Prayers of Intercession

We offer our prayers with and for the people of God in every place.

Lord hear us

Lord Graciously hear us

At the end of our prayers

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

The priest prays the Eucharistic prayer and we join together to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of pow'r and God of might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest;

Hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest;

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

Blessed is he who comes in the name,

He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest;

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Please sit or kneel

The priest recalls the Last Supper....

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is Risen

Christ will come again

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour has taught us let us 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.**

Agnus Dei

We all join together to sing:

**O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us**

**O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us**

**O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world
Grant us thy peace**

Giving of Communion

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are we who are called to his supper.

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

*(A prayer for personal and silent use before receiving
communion)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies

may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

*The president and people receive communion.
Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant
replies **Amen.***

Anthem by Choir

Hymn

**Immortal love, for ever full
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.**

**Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.**

**O warm, sweet, tender, ever yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.**

**Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.**

**Alone, O love, ineffable,
thy saving name is giv'n;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heav'n.**

Prayer after Communion

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.**

We join together to say

**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 BEFORE THE FINAL HYMN.

Hymn

**Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:**

**thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
sov'reign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

Please remain standing for the final Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Our Eucharist is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen.

You are invited to join us for coffee in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am service.