

## Eucharist

Harvest Sunday 17 September 2023  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



*Welcome and notices*

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

*The president greets the people*

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

**Opening Hymn**

**Stand**

**We plough the fields, and scatter**  
*sung by St Martin's Voices*

1 We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.  
***All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.***

2 He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

***Chorus***

3 We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
but that which thou desirest  
our humble, thankful hearts.

***Chorus***

Prayer of Preparation

*All* **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.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*Sit*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children  
of light. Amen.**

*The president says*

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.

*All Amen.*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Stand*

*All*      **Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

### **The Collect**

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.

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*sit*

### **First Reading Psalm 114**

- <sup>1</sup> When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,  
<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.
- <sup>3</sup> The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.
- <sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.
- <sup>5</sup> Why is it, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?
- <sup>6</sup> O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?
- <sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
<sup>8</sup> who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.

This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another?

It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether

we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

All

**Gradual Hymn**

Stand

**All creatures of our God and King**

*sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
**O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
**Chorus**
- 3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest hearts both warmth and light:  
**Chorus**
- 4 Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
**Chorus**
- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
**Chorus**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Remain standing*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*All* **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord**

**Gospel reading Matthew 18:21-35**

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

sit

## The Creed

stand

*The president says*

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
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.

## Prayers of Intercession

sit

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

*And at the end*

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

## The Peace

*The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

*These words may be added*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

## Offertory Hymn

stand

**Great is thy faithfulness**  
*sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 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 for ever 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!*

- 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

**Chorus**

- 3 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!

**Chorus**

*Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*

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

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

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

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

sit

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All* 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  
*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
*All* Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.  
*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

*All* 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.

## Giving of Communion

*The president invites the congregation to receive communion*

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 he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All* 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. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to receive a blessing. Please make this clear by bowing your head at the altar.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Bread and wine have been consecrated and are offered. We reiterate that the Church's teaching is that the body and blood of Christ may be completely received in one kind only; i.e. the bread.*

*Nobody is under any pressure (theologically, morally, socially or psychologically) to receive the cup if you are uneasy about this.*

*The practice of the communicant intincting (dipping) the consecrated bread into the chalice is NOT permitted on hygiene grounds. If you do not wish to receive either, you are invited to receive a blessing.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

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.

*All* **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**

**Final Hymn**

**All things bright and beautiful**  
*sung by St Martin's Voices*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful  
the Lord God made them all.*

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings:

**Refrain**

2 The purple headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:

**Refrain**

3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one:

**Refrain**

4 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well:

**Refrain**

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**Blessing**

*One of these or an alternative blessing is used*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*A minister or deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**Diocese in Europe**

