

# Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

## INTRODUCTION

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.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily 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.**

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.**

*KYRIE ELEÏSON follows.*

Lord, have mercy. *℟.* **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. *℟.* **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. *℟.* **Lord, have mercy.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

*All remain standing for 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. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A, Proper 20

FIRST READING

*Jon 3.10-4.11*

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might

die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 145*

℟. I will bless your name for ever, my God  
and King. (*All repeat*)

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise;  
his glory is past searching out.  
Men shall recount the might of your deeds  
and proclaim your majesty. ℟.

The Lord loves all that he has made;  
his mercy is over all his works.  
All your works speak your praise  
and your people give you thanks. ℟.

Your right hand raises those that fall  
and those bowed down are lifted up.  
All creatures wait on you for food  
and from your hand their wants are filled. ℟.

The Lord is near to those who call;  
he hears their cry and brings them help.  
My mouth shall tell the praise of God,  
and let all flesh his name adore. ℟.

SECOND READING

*Php 1.21–30*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for

you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*cf Acts 16.14*

**Alleluia.** Open our hearts, O Lord:  
to receive the words of your Son. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Mt 20.1–16*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no-one

has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

"And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

A SERMON *may follow.*

*The NICENE CREED is recited.*

**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,**

*(all bow)* **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

*(all rise)* **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.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

℣. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or ℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant to them, O Lord;  
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,

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

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The priest introduces the PEACE.*

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

*The priest conducts the OFFERTORY. He may praise God for his gifts, to which all respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS is said.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Graciously receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people, that the faith they profess in loving devotion may be fulfilled in this sacrament of heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*This ACCLAMATION follows the Consecration:*  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*  
... for ever and ever. Amen.

**RITE OF COMMUNION**

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*  
**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.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.*  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*  
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but  
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*  
Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your per-  
petual 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.**

**CONCLUSION**

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.*  
V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:  
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death.**

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**  
Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made flesh:  
R. **And dwelt among us.**  
Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:  
R. **That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O  
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to  
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought  
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the  
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**