

Morning Prayer for 15th Sunday after Trinity

The Greeting

Lord, speak to us

All that we may hear your word.

Move among us

All that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

All that we may learn to trust you. AMEN

Lord, direct our thoughts and teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: O worship the King

Come to him, the living Stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (*1 Peter 1:4-5*)

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

God our Father; we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives

Father forgive us:

All Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you

Father forgive us:

All Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say

Father forgive us:

All Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world around us

Father forgive us:

All Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son

Father forgive us:

All Save us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

The Psalm for the week Psalm: 116:1-9

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'**
- ⁵ **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.**
- ⁶ The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ **Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
- ⁹ **I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading James 3:1-12:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

The Venite

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King above all Gods.

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth:
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

The sea is his, and he made it:

and his hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and fall down:
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is the Lord our God:

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

2nd Reading Mark 8:27-end:

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' 28 And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' 29 He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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All Thanks be to God.

Followed by the **Reflection**

The Jubilate

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God;

it is he that has made us and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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

The Intercessions

We pray for God's grace in our lives, in his church and in our communities.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people: through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us as your own. We pray for those new to faith that they may grow
into a deeper knowledge of you, we pray for those being baptised this day into your family of the
Church; in particular for Raife Wallis as he is baptised at All Hallows Dean today

Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

We pray for our world and we ask that those who stand for the values of your Kingdom, the way of
peace and love in which the meek and poor are blessed, maybe heard by those in authority. We
pray for all who bear the task of government at both national and local level.

Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

We pray for those within our Stodden villages who are in need through change of circumstance,
illness or bereavement. May your guiding and strengthening hand be upon their lives. Make our
wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for prayers answered for those we have brought before you asking for your healing
and peace; and today we lift to you those in need of your healing on our intercessions list and in
our hearts We also ask that you will be close to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

We gather up our prayers in the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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 Collect for this Sunday:

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

The Coronavirus Collect: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Will you come and follow me?*

The Conclusion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all evermore. **Amen.**