



28th September 2025 10:00 Parish Communion **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** Blended Worship



September Charity of the Month: Friends of Garget Walker House



The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father, we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment which bore the symbol of your cross and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment, that it may protect the weak and vulnerable and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All Amen.



Opening Hymn: Now is eternal life

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- 1. Now is eternal life, if ris'n with Christ we stand, in him to life reborn, and held within his hand; no more we fear death's ancient dread, in Christ arisen from the dead.
- 2. The human mind so long brooded o'er life's brief span; was it, O God, for naught, for naught that life began? Thou art our hope, our vital breath; shall hope undying end in death?



Opening Hymn: Now is eternal life

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- 3. And God, the living God, stooped down to share our state; by death destroying death, Christ opened wide life's gate. He lives, who died; he reigns on high; who lives in him shall never die.
- 4. Unfathomed love divine, reign thou within my heart; from thee nor depth nor height, nor life nor death can part; my life is hid in God with thee, now and through all eternity.



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5. Thee will I love and serve now in time's passing day; thy hand shall hold me fast when time is done away, in God's unknown eternal spheres to serve him through eternal years.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) alt.



The Gathering

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

All

The Lord be with you and also with you.



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.



The Beatitudes

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.



The Beatitudes

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us confess our many failures to keep this way of truth and life.

Prayers of Penitence

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.



Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, All 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.



Prayers of Penitence

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

All 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.



Gloria in Excelsis

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.



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.

All Amen.



Readings

A reading from the book of Amos (6:1a,4-7 NRSV)

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts:

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!

⁴ 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;



Readings

- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷ 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

All Thanks be to God



Readings

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy (6:6-19 NRSV)

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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.



Readings

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight 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. ¹³In 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 ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It 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.

Readings

¹⁷As 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. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus 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.

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Second Hymn: Beauty for brokenness

- Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
 Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.
 Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
 sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!
- Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
 Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.



Second Hymn: Beauty for brokenness

- 3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share. Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green, Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.
- 4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams, plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams. Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed; make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.



Second Hymn: Beauty for brokenness

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)



Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:19-31 NRSV)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.



Gospel Reading

²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He 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." ²⁵But 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. ²⁶Besides 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."



Gospel Reading

²⁷The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹Abraham 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

All Praise to you, O Christ





Sermon
The Rt Revd John Pritchard

The Creed

All 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.



The Creed

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.



The Creed

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.



Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.



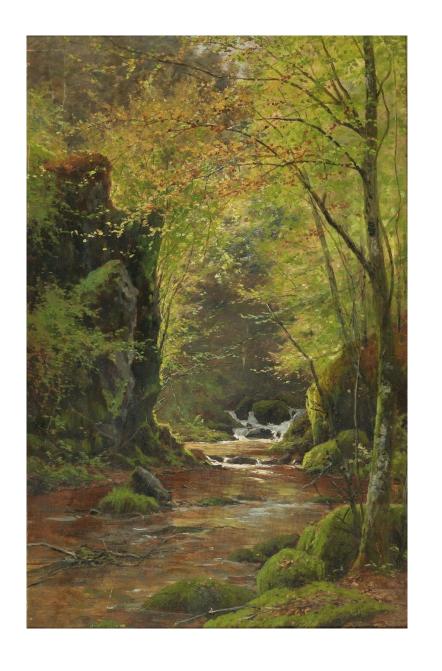


The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you. All





Hymn at preparation: Love Is His Word

- Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with all, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, love, only love, is his way.
 Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
- 2. Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at the table, host to the twelve, love, only love, is his mark.

better than splendour and wealth.

3. Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, 'This is my body, this is my blood.' Love, only love, is his sign.



Hymn at preparation: Love Is His Word

4. Love is his sign, love is his news, 'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.' Love, only love, is his news.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

5. Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one, love, only love, is his word.

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979) alt.



Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.



The Eucharistic Prayer

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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:



All 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.



On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.



So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.



Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, All 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.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

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

Come to this table, not because you must, but because you may.

Come not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow in it.

Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come because he loves you and wants to give you everything.

Come because this is the table of the Lord, and it is he who invites us to be here.



Communion Hymn: Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

- Father, hear the prayer we offer:
 not for ease that prayer shall be,
 but for strength that we may ever
 live our lives courageously.
- Not for ever in green pastures
 do we ask our way to be;
 but the steep and rugged pathway
 may we tread rejoicingly.



Communion Hymn: Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

- 3. Not for ever by still waters would we idly rest and stay; but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.
- 4. Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wandering be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)



Prayers 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.

All Amen.



Prayers after Communion

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.





Notices

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode.
 On the Rock of ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou may'st smile at all thy foes.



See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage: grace which, like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age?



3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.

Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray.



4. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children known.

John Newton (1725-1807) Isaiah 33:20-21



Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.



