

Family Service hosted by Wendens Ambo

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, 12th September 2021, at 9.30 am

Welcome and notices

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

First Hymn sung by the choir. No. 12 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
He the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth his footstool, heaven his throne:
He within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
He on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast

Zoom link details

To "attend" this service you click on this link and it should take you, straightforwardly, into zoom to wait for the meeting to start:

<https://zoom.us/j/94754859274?pwd=SUJZanY5RzYvVIY5ZXQ2S2pLUHpDUT09>

Manually, these are the details:

Meeting ID: 947 5485 9274

Password: wenden

We have also set up a virtual giving plate to go with this service. It is very convenient to use, you just click on this link.... <https://bit.ly/wendenchurch>

Click on this link for the Grapevine:

https://www.camvillages.org.uk/Groups/321990/Grapevine_Newsletter.aspx

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

All Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed. _We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The act of forgiveness - Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Old Testament reading Isaiah 50: 4-9 Read by

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Second hymn 144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways:
reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord
let us, like them, without a word:
'Rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!'

3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
when Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,

Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

New Testament reading Mark 8: 34-36 read by Wilbur Rowley

Denying ourselves and taking up our cross

Jesus 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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and give up their life?

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Reflections on today's scriptures

Creed: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All I believe in God the Father almighty, ____ maker of heaven and earth: ____
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, ____ who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, ____
born of the Virgin Mary, ____ suffered under Pontius Pilate, ____
was crucified, ____ dead, and buried. ____
He descended into hell; ____ the third day he rose again from the dead; ____
he ascended into heaven, ____ and sitteth on the right hand of God ____ the Father almighty; ____
from thence he shall come to judge ____ the quick and the dead. ____
I believe in the Holy Ghost; ____ the holy catholic Church; ____
the communion of saints; ____ the forgiveness of sins; ____
the resurrection of the body, ____ and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Third Hymn 74 Just as I am, without one plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

5 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

6 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Prayers of Intercession led by

Silence may be kept.

Merciful Father,

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, ____ our saviour, Jesus Christ

Collect of the Day for Trinity 15

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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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.**

Final hymn: (number 572 in the hymnbook; tune Richmond)

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever

All Amen

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

