

Holy Communion

9.30am – Sun 13th Sept 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all hopefulness

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Lord of all joy

Whose trust ever child-like

No cares could destroy

Be there at our waking

And give us we pray

Your bliss in our hearts Lord

At the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness

Lord of all faith

Whose strong hands were skilled

At the plane and the lathe

Be there at our labours

And give us we pray

Your strength in our hearts Lord

At the noon of the day

Lord of all kindness

Lord of all grace

Your hands swift to welcome

Your arms to embrace

Be there at our homing

And give us we pray

Your love in our hearts Lord

At the eve of the day

Lord of all gentleness

Lord of all calm

Whose voice is contentment

Whose presence is balm

Be there at our sleeping

And give us we pray

Your peace in our hearts Lord

At the end of the day...

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Gathering and Greeting

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

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And also with you**

Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of
God's love, revealed in Word and
Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, 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.

Assurance of forgiveness

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.

We sing the

Gloria

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. Amen
All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came

and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord has compassion on his children

⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
• slow to anger and of great kindness.
⁹ He will not always accuse us, • neither will he keep his anger for ever.

The Lord has compassion on his children

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, • nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, • so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

The Lord has compassion on his children

¹² As far as the east is from the west, • so far has he set our sins from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, • so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

The Lord has compassion on his children

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:1-17

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life,

appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' ²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back." ³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?"

³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Sermon – Revd Philip Sudell

The shape of Christian maturity

3. Growing into Christ.

Profession of Faith

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, 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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's table

May the mind of Christ my Saviour, 521
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember
his offering of himself made once for all
upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension; we
look for the coming of your kingdom, and
with this bread and this cup we make the
memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and
as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the
presence of your divine majesty, renew us
by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and
unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who
stand before you in earth and heaven, we
worship you, Father almighty, in songs of
everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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 Breaking of 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

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 Giving of 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.

Prayer after Communion

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.

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Crown him with many crowns, 166
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

George Job Elvey | Godfrey Thring | Matthew Bridges

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to
himself, the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service, the joy of the
Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All: **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

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

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Readings for next Sunday

20th September – Trinity 16

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Matthew 20:1-6

The week ahead

Sun 13 th	9.30am 11am 12.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Service Church Family Lunch
Mon 14 th		
Tues 15 th	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Wed 16 th		
Thurs 17 th	10-11.30am 12 noon 12-3pm 4pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club Midweek groups meet
Fri 18 th	7:15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 19 th		
Sun 20 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

Looking ahead...

Autumn dates – more details to follow

Sun 13th Sept – Church Family Lunch

Sat 26th Sept – Garden/Cleaning Morning

Sat 31st Oct – Children's LIGHT PARTY

Sat 21st Nov – Fair and Fun Day

“Grow North” – Women's Day Sat 10th October at St Peter's

Look out for the fliers in church.

Church Family Lunch

After the 11am service today –
Bring and Share
Lunch - Sunday
13th Sept – All are
welcome.



Midweek Groups



We are asking everyone, whether already in a midweek group, or yet to join one, to reflect and think through their commitment to a group for growth in spiritual maturity so that we can work out how best to serve people in groups this autumn – Please speak to Philip for more details.

Sermon Series for September

Starting on the 30th August and running through all the Sundays in September we will be looking at a selection of passages from the New Testament that will give us an outline of

“The shape of Christian maturity”



Cleaning/Gardening Morning on Sat Sept 26th

From 9.00am – 1pm
Come and help inside
and out!

