

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **40**

Celebration Hymnal

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

All respond: 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 is sung.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**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 lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A, Proper 19

FIRST READING

Gen 50.15–21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father
was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will
hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we
did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph,
saying, "Your father gave this command before
he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the
transgression of your brothers and their sin,
because they did evil to you.' And now, please
forgive the transgression of the servants of
the God of your father." Joseph wept when
they spoke to him. His brothers also came
and fell down before him and said, "Behold,
we are your servants." But Joseph said to
them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of
God? As for you, you meant evil against me,
but God meant it for good, to bring it about
that many people should be kept alive, as they
are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you
and your little ones." Thus he comforted them
and spoke kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

(All repeat)

O my soul, bless the Lord,
and all my being, bless his holy name.

O my soul, bless the Lord,
and forget not all his love. *R.*

He forgives you all your guilt,
and heals your every ill,
redeems your life from the grave,
crowns you with friendship and love. *R.*

The Lord is full of compassion and love,
slow to anger, rich in grace.

He has not dealt with us after our sins,
nor repaid us for all our faults. *R.*

As far as east is from the west,
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has pity on his sons,
so the Lord has mercy on his own. *R.*

SECOND READING

Rom 14.1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome the one who is weak in faith, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgement on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgement on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honour of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we

die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN—182

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13.34

Alleluia. I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mt 18.21–35

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.

Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

“But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

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 unto them, O Lord;
℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions may end:

Merciful Father,

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

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **568**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

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 in this holy sacrament we may enter the mystery which we profess with devotion and faith; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
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 sung.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us. (x 2)
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. Amen.

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.**