

**An Order for Worship on  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 20, 2020**

***The Gathering***

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

**Hymn:**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open thou the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing waters flow.  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.

*The Refrain in Welsh*  
O am aros, O am aros,  
yn ei gariad ddyddiau f'oes,  
yn ei gariad ddyddiau f'oes.

**Confession**

*Deacon* Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All** Most merciful God,  
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.

*Priest* 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.

### **Collect: Prayer of the Day**

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.**

### ***The Liturgy of the Word***

#### **The First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites  
    complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

The Israelites said to them,

    “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt,  
        when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread;  
        for you have brought us out into this wilderness  
        to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses,

“I am going to rain bread from heaven for you,  
and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day.  
In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.  
On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in,  
it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,

“In the evening you shall know  
that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord,  
because he has heard your complaining against the Lord.

For what are we, that you complain against us?”

And Moses said,

“When the Lord gives you  
meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning,  
because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him  
—what are we?

Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron,

“Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites,  
‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’”

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites,

they looked toward the wilderness,  
and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said,

“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them,  
‘At twilight you shall eat meat,  
and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread;  
then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp;

and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

When the layer of dew lifted,

there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance,  
as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another,

“What is it?”

For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them,

“It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

2 Sing to him, sing praises, ♦  
**and tell of all his marvellous works.**

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦  
**let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.**

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦  
**seek his face continually.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦  
**his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

6 O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; ♦  
**there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.**

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, ♦  
**for a dread of them had fallen upon them.**

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering ♦  
**and a fire to light up the night.**

40 They asked and he brought them quails; ♦  
**he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.**

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out ♦  
**and ran in the dry places like a river.**

42 For he remembered his holy word ♦  
**and Abraham, his servant.**

43 So he brought forth his people with joy, ♦  
**his chosen ones with singing.**

44 He gave them the lands of the nations ♦  
**and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,**

45 That they might keep his statutes ♦  
**and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia.**

**All Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*All* Alleluia.

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

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

Jesus said,

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.  
After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage,  
he sent them into his vineyard.  
When he went out about nine o’clock,  
he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;  
and he said to them,  
‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’  
So they went.  
When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.  
And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around;  
and he said to them,  
‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’  
They said to him,  
‘Because no one has hired us.’  
He said to them,  
‘You also go into the vineyard.’  
When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,  
‘Call the laborers and give them their pay,  
beginning with the last and then going to the first.’  
When those hired about five o’clock came,  
each of them received the usual daily wage.  
Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more;  
but each of them also received the usual daily wage.  
And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,  
‘These last worked only one hour,  
and you have made them equal to us  
who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’  
But he replied to one of them,  
‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong;  
did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?  
Take what belongs to you and go;  
I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.  
Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?  
Or are you envious because I am generous?’  
So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*At the end*, This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Reflection**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

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

**All** who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.5-11*

### **Intercessions**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** 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.

## **Blessing**

**Priest** May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

## **Hymn**

I am the Bread of life,  
You who comes to me shall not hunger,  
And who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
Unless the Father draw him.  
    And I will raise him up,  
    And I will raise him up,  
    And I will raise him up on the last day.

### *Spanish*

Yo soy la resurrección.  
Yo soy la vida.  
El que crea en mi aunque muriera  
Tendrá vida eterna tendrá vida eterna.  
    Yo lo resucitare,  
    Yo lo resucitare,  
    Yo lo resucitare el día de él.

### *Translation*

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life,  
He who believes in me even if he die,  
He shall live for ever.  
    And I will raise him up,  
    And I will raise him up,  
    And I will raise him up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, we believe  
That you are the Christ,  
The son of God  
Who has come  
Into the world.  
    And I will raise you up,  
    And I will raise you up,  
    And I will raise you up on the last day.  
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## **Announcements**

**All** 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.

**Deacon** Go in the peace of Christ.

**All** Thanks be to God.