

## Morning Prayer 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bishop Trevor



Personal preparation before the service begins.  
Please take time to remember where you are, and why  
you are here. Give thanks and become still in the  
presence of God

### Prelude

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with us.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **SoF 466: Praise my soul the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee His praise should sing  
Praise Him ! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him ! Praise Him !  
Praise with us the God of grace.  
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### **Let us pray with words from Psalm 145. 1-8**

I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.  
**Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.**  
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.  
**One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.**  
They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.[b]  
**They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.**  
They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.  
**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.**

Glory be 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.**

**The Collect for today, the 13th Sunday after Trinity.**

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love: grant that thy people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, ever abiding in thee, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The reading is taken from Exodus 16:2-15**

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God

**Our hearts and our minds are open**

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him.



Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.”

Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **The reading is taken from Matthew 20:1-16**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told

them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

"'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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



## Homily

### **ACF 96: O God, you search me and you know me**

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my ways lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down, you go before me:  
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

### **Intercessions**

Christine Ghinn

This Sunday's gospel – The Parable of the Landowner and the Day Labourers – is such a perfect starting point to inspire our intercessions..... So let's pray together:

Jesus, we pray for all those who stand around at the street corners and marketplaces of this world – unwanted, unemployed, marginalised. We pray for all who

are harassed and excluded for the way their bodies are created, for their socio-economic standing, for their place of origin.

We especially commit to you those thousands of migrants who are affected by the fire at camp Moria on Lesbos.

Please, Jesus, help those who can't help themselves, protect the endangered, care for the forgotten and comfort the distressed.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we pray for the soil and its creatures that you have entrusted to us humans. Please help us to strive for becoming responsible landowners that care for the health of this planet which you have created and love.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we pray for the all who seek out to help the underprivileged and discriminated. Thank you for their love and generosity that restores the dignity of others and supports them practically in small and big ways. Please bless their work, protect them and let them encounter your presence in their giving. Also, help all of us to become more generous and mindful.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we pray for all who grumble, who are envious, who are disillusioned and who mistrust authority in these times.

Please heal their wounded hearts so that they will be able to see the goodness around them and learn to constructively work with the wider society towards positive change for all.

Help those around them to love them well, take their worries seriously and strike a healthy balance between showing empathy and setting boundaries.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we pray for the landowners, the people in authority, of our age.

We especially commit to you politicians on all levels, the big players of the business world and religious leaders.

Please bless them with wisdom and a loving attitude. Also, please strengthen all who oppose abusive leadership and grant them success in their striving for a more just world.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

**Merciful father, accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

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

In the language of our hearts, let us pray as our Saviour taught us .....

#### **A sign of peace**

God is love  
And those who live in love live in God  
And God lives in them.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.



#### **ACF 114 The Lord's my shepherd**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
His goodness will lead me home

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me*

*Your goodness will lead me home*

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know

*And I will trust in You alone*  
*And I will trust in You alone*  
*For Your endless mercy follows me*  
*Your goodness will lead me home*

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And he anoints my head with oil  
And my cup, it overflows with joy  
I feast on his pure delight

*And I will trust in You alone*  
*And I will trust in You alone*  
*For Your endless mercy follows me*  
*Your goodness will lead me home*

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### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless us and watch over us,  
the Lord make his face shine upon us  
and be gracious to us,  
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace;  
and the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us now and always.

**Amen.**

### **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**