



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

# **The Fifteenth Sunday**

## **after Trinity**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Please pray:

For The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

For the Finance team at Church House Hove; Catherine Dawkins, Hannah Heron, Jonathan Dorman, Helen Hemsley, Mandy Gander.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Inwood Crescent.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Jenny Smith, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Richard, Rols Ham-Riche

Recently departed: James Leigh

Anniversaries of death: Alexander Thomson, Felicity Felton

*Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.*

*Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.*

## **Processional Hymn**

*NEH 336*

- 1 Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.**
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**
- 3 For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.**
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.**

**5 Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.**

*Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Penitential Rite**

*The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.*

**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.**

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.**

## **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. Amen.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

## **The Collect**

*We 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 is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word** **First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Amos.

*Amos 6.1, 4-7*

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

*146 (Chant: Nares)*

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord \*  
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
- 2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth \*  
and then all his thoughts perish.
- 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help \*  
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is \*  
who keepeth his promise for ever.
- 6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong \*  
who feedeth the hungry.
- 7 The Lord looseth men out of prison \*  
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

- 8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen \*  
the Lord careth for the righteous.
- 9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and  
widow \*  
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
- 10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore \*  
and throughout all generations.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\* world without  
end. Amen.

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

### *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 1For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus

storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*We stand for the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord.

I know them and they follow me.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### ***Luke 16:19-end***

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

*And the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*We sit for the sermon.*

**The Creed**

*Please stand for the 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, 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.**

**The Intercessions**

*In the intercessions, we make this or another response:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**



*At the end of the prayers:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*NEH 415ii*

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!**
- 2 Jesus--the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.**
- 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.**
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**6 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim  
And spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*The Invitation to Prayer is said:*

Pray, 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 holy Church.**

*The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:*

**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

...forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes,**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

*The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends*

... for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*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.**

## **Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated host:*

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing the 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.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

## **Giving of Communion**

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.**

*If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

## **Choir**

*Glory to the Lamb*, David Blackwell

## **Communion Hymn**

*NEH 349*

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.**
- 2 ‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,  
‘To be exalted thus;’  
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,  
‘For He was slain for us.’**
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and pow’r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, for ever thine.**
- 4 Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.**

*John Keble (1792-1866)*

## Post Communion

*We stand as the priest prays:*

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual 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 for our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**The Notices**

**The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The priest asks God's blessing on us, which ends:*

...and 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.**

## Recessional Hymn

NEH 475

- 1 Ye holy angels bright,  
Who wait at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light  
Fly at your Lord's command,  
Assist our song,  
For else the theme  
Too high doth seem  
For mortal tongue.
- 2 Ye blessed souls at rest,  
Who ran this earthly race,  
And now, from sin released,  
Behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound,  
As in his sight  
With sweet delight  
Ye do abound.
- 3 Ye saints, who toil below,  
Adore your heavenly King,  
And onward as ye go  
Some joyful anthem sing;  
Take what he gives  
And praise him still,  
Through good or ill,  
Who ever lives!
- 4 My soul, bear thou thy part,  
Triumph in God above:  
And with a well-tuned heart  
Sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
Till life shall end,  
Whate'er he send,  
Be filled with praise.

*Richard Baxter (1615-91)*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Hymn-Prelude on Darwall's 148th, Percy Whitlock*

## THIS WEEK

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Michael and All Angels</i>	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	
10.30am	The Eucharist
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	
10.30am  6.00pm	Chichester Walsingham Festival <i>at St Saviour's, Eastbourne</i> Harvest Supper
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Harvest Festival</b>	
8.00am 10.15am 11.30am	The Eucharist (BCP) <b>Parish Eucharist</b> Sunday Snippets

## NOTICES

**Sunday Snippets** continues today at about 11.30am. We'll be exploring our vestments. Grab your coffee and gather at the High Altar!

Our **Harvest Supper** this year is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Tickets are available now and cost £10.

Our new **Tea at the Good Shepherd** starts on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. It will meet each Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, and is an informal gathering for conversation, gentle activities and friendship. Please help us to spread the word to those who you think might benefit. We're looking for a few more people to be part of a rota to lead each week, as well as cake bakers! Please speak to Pat Hunter if you can help.

Our **Autumn Course** starts on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We'll be exploring some early church history with our course "Heresies and How to Avoid Them." Meeting on Thursdays at 11am or 7.30pm - sign up available now!

The Chichester Diocesan **Walsingham Festival** is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Saviour's Eastbourne. For more information and booking, head to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/85624>

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