



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th September 2026



Please pray:

For The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia.

For the Archdeacon of Brighton & Lewes and his PA Marc Sacher

For neighbours in Bennett Drive.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Paul Thompson, Trevor,
Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Jess, Carole, Roger Grady, AJ, Mr
Jackson, Peter.

For the departed: Thomas Richardson, Evelyn Maclean, Christine Bailey,
Constantino Bottani, Evelyn Baker, Cynthia Holden, Colin Titmus, Ian
Stranack.

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, including the hymns.

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

Processional Hymn

NEH 393

**1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.**

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

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.

We remain standing as 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.**

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 be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will

provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for the psalm. The Choir sing the verses, and we are encouraged to join in with the Gloria at the end.

Psalm

Psalm 103 vv1-13 (Chant: Wesley)

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul *
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
 - 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul *
and forget not all his benefits;
 - 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin *
and healeth all thine infirmities;
 - 4 Who saveth thy life from destruction *
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
 - 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things *
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
 - 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement *
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
 - 7 He shewed his ways unto Moses *
his works unto the children of Israel.
 - 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy *
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
 - 9 He will not always be chiding *
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
 - 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins *
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
 - 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth *
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
 - 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west *
so far hath he set our sins from us.
 - 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children *
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- 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

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. .

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? 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 give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

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

If you are able, we remain standing. In the intercessions, we make the response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers we say together:

**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 263

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

- 3** Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!
- 4** Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!
- 5** Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

*St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Tr. William Draper (1855-1933)*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We remain standing. 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:

**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 sit or kneel, and 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.**

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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.

Please do not intinct. If you are unwell, please help us to keep those who are immunocompromised safe by refraining from taking the chalice. It is perfectly valid to receive the bread only.

Choir

Turn thy face from my sins, Thomas Attwood

Communion Hymn

NEH 66 (t63)

- 1 'Forgive our sins as we forgive',
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly know:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond Herklots (1905-87)

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

Please sit for the notices.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us:

...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 427*

- 1 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.
- 2 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.
- 3 O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.

4 O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

Organ Voluntary

Alleluia on Laast uns erfreuen, William Faulkes

THIS WEEK

Monday 14 th September Holy Cross Day	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 15 th September <i>St Cyprian</i>	
2pm - 4pm 7.30pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd Book Group
Wednesday 16 th September <i>St Ninian</i>	
11am	The Eucharist (at Chatsworth Nursing Home)
Thursday 17 th <i>St Hildegard of Bingen</i>	
10.30am 5pm	The Eucharist Organ Recital
Sunday 20 th The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am 10.15am 11.30am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Sunday Snippets

NOTICES

Sunday Snippets is back this week, when we will be looking at the stained glass windows in the church.

We are hoping to launch a **Toddler Group** in the next couple of months, so are looking for donations of particular toys to help us get started. You can see a full list of what we're looking for on the poster at the back of church, along with details of how you can donate.

Amar will be playing an **Organ Recital** on Thursday 17th September at 5pm to raise some funds for the recent work on the organ. He will be playing works from Buxtehude, Howells and JS Bach. Entry is by donation on the door.

Tickets for the **Harvest Supper** are now on sale. They are £10 a ticket and include shepherd's pie and dessert. The evening begins at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd October.

On Saturday 19th September from 2pm-4pm there will be a **Bellringing Open Day**. Please do share with friends and neighbours. Details on the poster at the back.

We are having a **Clear Out Week** from 21st to 25th September, aided on the Wednesday by students from Brighton College. Please make a note in your diary - we will be asking for volunteers to help with a variety of jobs, some of which will be seated! There is a sign up sheet at the back.

There are a couple more sign up sheets at the back. One for a group to begin working on the **Christmas Fayre**, and the other for plans to celebrate the **Centenary** of the completion of our church building.

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