



✠ GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY ✠

WELCOME

OPENING COLLECT

Priest Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. *Amen.*

HYMN *Soldiers of Christ! arise*

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

- 1 Soldiers of Christ! arise, and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of hosts, and in his mighty power;
who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.
- 2 Stand, then, in his great might, with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.
To keep your armour bright attend with constant care,
still walking in your Captain's sight and watching unto prayer
- 3 From strength to strength go on; wrestle, and fight, and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day,
that, having all things done, and all your conflicts passed,
ye may o'ercome through Christ alone, and stand complete at last.

GREETING

Priest ✠The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest Almighty God,

All *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.*

GLORY TO GOD *Music for the Parish Communion*

MARTIN HOW (1931–2022)

All *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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)*

Priest Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

✠ **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ✠

FIRST LESSON *Exodus 12.1-14*

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a yearold male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and

bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149 *Cantate Domino*

Chant: SIR CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852-1924)

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
let the congregation of saints praise him.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance :
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people :
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5 Let the saints be joyful with glory :
let them rejoice in their beds.

- 6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth :
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7 To be avenged of the heathen :
and to rebuke the people;
8 To bind their kings in chains :
and their nobles with links of iron.
9 That they may be avenged of them, as it is written :
Such honour have all his saints.

✠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 LESSON *Romans 13.8–14*

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the

moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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GRADUAL HYMN *Forgive our sins as we forgive*

ST. MARY

- 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 knew,
how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

GOSPEL *St. Matthew 18.15–20*

Gospeler The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeler ✠✠✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with

you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

Priest Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, ✠the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *§Silence is kept.*

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest ✠Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

✠ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

§The table is prepared

OFFERTORY HYMN *When I survey the wondrous cross*

ROCKINGHAM

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)*

Priest Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest The Lord be with you;
People **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 our thanks and praise.

Priest We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

How

People **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.**

Priest Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in

the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. ✠All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All ***We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei (Mass of St. Thomas)* H. HUGH BANCROFT (1904–1988)

INVITATION

Priest The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM *Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake* RICHARD FARRANT (1530–1580)

Text: from *Lindley's Prayers*

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart, before thee now and evermore. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)*

Priest Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

DOXOLOGY

Priest Glory to God,
All ***whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.***

BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: ✠And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL HYMN *Take up your cross* BRESLAU

- 1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you would my disciple be; deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.

- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; your Lord for you endured to die upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave: 'twill guide you to a better home and lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARIES:

Andante Cantabile - LUIGI BOTTAZZO (1845-1924)

Grand Chœur - ALFRED HOLLINS (1865-1942)

