**20 September 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Here we are Lord, your people, your Church meeting together in your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You. Make yourself known to us new ways through our worship, our prayers, and our understanding of your Word today. Amen

Creator God, you who love us more than we can know,  
Who chose us from the very beginning to be family  
**We praise your holy name.**  
Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh,  
Who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us,  
**We praise your holy name.**Holy Spirit, present and power in our lives  
From the moment that we first believed,  
**We praise your holy name.**

**Confession** *we sit or kneel*

**Unclutter our lives, Lord we have too much, consume too much,  
expect too much.**

**Grant us perspective; to see this world through others’ eyes  
than just our own.**

**Grant us compassion: where there is need to play our part  
not turn aside.**

**Grant us gratitude for what we have, our daily bread  
the gift of life.**

**Unclutter our lives, Lord, give us space, simplicity  
thankful hearts.**

We thank you Lord that you see through the clutter and the chaos of our hearts and minds, and you find within them the potential for good, and you forgive us our sin, because you believe in our desire to live lives that are pleasing to you. Be at peace and sin no more, you are forgiven, restored and loved. **Amen.**

**Collect**

**Psalm 105.1-6,43-45** *we stand*

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.

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.

**Reading Philippians 1.21-30**

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

**Reflection** *we sit*

**Creedal Statement from 1 Corinthians 15:3-8** *we stand* **For I passed on to you as most important what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day  
according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas,  
then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to over 500 brothers at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep.  
Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.  
Last of all, He also appeared to me.**  
**Prayers** *We sit or kneel*

*These responses may be used*

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

*And at the end we conclude with 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.

**Thanksgiving** *we stand*

**The God who breathed this world alive and sustains it day by day,  
whose hands flung stars into space and controls our destiny  
says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."**

**The God who filled the ocean depths and set tides on their way,  
who caused mountains to be raised up and rainbows to display  
Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."**

**The God who made the fertile earth and seed within to sow,  
whose artistry creates butterflies and the early morning dew  
says, "You are precious in my sight."**

**Closing Prayer**

**May the Father’s hand keep you from stumbling,  
the footprints of Jesus give you confidence to follow,  
and the fire of the Spirit keep you warm and safe  
in your walk with God this day. Amen.**

May God's Word be in your heart.  
May God's Word be on your lips.  
May God's Word be in your touch.  
May God's Word direct your feet.  
On this day and all your days to come  
May God's Word be the life you live,

And the blessing of Almighty God,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

rest upon you and remain with you

and those who prayer for

and those who need your prayers, Amen.

Go in peace, knowing you have a place in Heaven

**Thanks be to God.**

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