

St Andrew's, Chesterton

Sung Eucharist

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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Introit: Oculi omnium

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine:
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine, Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Glory to thee, O Lord. Amen. (Psalm 145:15)

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Gathering Hymn

- 1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my Lord's unchanging love!
- 2 Here I find my greatest treasure:
hither by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it from thy courts above!

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The Greeting

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 Service is introduced.

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.**

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**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.**

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, heav'nly 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.

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.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

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?'¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "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. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.

Gradual Psalm: Psalm 114

1 When Israel came | out of | Egypt : and the house of
Jacob from a- | mong the | strange | people,

2 Judah | was his | sanctuary : and | Israel | his do- |
minion.

3 The sea saw | that and | fled : Jor- | dan was | driven |
back.

4 The mountains | skipped like | rams : and the little |
hills like | young | sheep.

5 What aileth thee O thou sea | that thou | fleddest : and
thou Jordan that | thou wast | driven | back?

6 Ye mountains that ye | skipped like | rams : and ye little
| hills like | young | sheep?

7 Tremble thou earth at the presence | of the | Lord : at
the presence | of the | God of | Jacob;

8 Who turned the hard rock into a | standing | water :
and the flintstone | into a | springing | well.

Glory to the Father * and | to the | Son:
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning . is | now:
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Then 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?' ²² Jesus said to him,
'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with
his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who
owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;
²⁵ 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. ²⁶ So the slave fell
on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me,
and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him,
the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the
debt. ²⁸

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of
his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and
seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."
²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him,
"Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he
refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he
should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what
had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they
went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You
wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you
pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on
your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in
anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he
should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will
also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your
brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
 since as members of one body you are called to peace.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



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Offertory Hymn

- 1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
 should set his love upon the sons of men,
 or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
 to bring them back, they know not how or when.
 But this I know, that he was born of Mary
 when Beth'lem's manger was his only home,
 and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
 and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.
- 2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
 or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
 the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
 But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
 and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
 and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
 for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.
- 3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,
 how satisfy the needs and aspirations
 of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
 and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
 and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.
- 4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
 when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
 or who can say how great the jubilation
 when every heart with love and joy is filled.
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
 and myriad myriad human voices sing,
 and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 president praises God for God's mighty acts and the choir sing:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues and may include the response:

[Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.]**

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:

Amen.

We kneel and keep a moment's silence

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Giving of Communion

Jesus is 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.**

The president and people receive communion. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service with you. There are usually two communion stations – one at the Nave altar (which is the only place that offers the option to receive the bread dipped in the wine by the priest), and one at the South Aisle altar to kneel. Gluten-free bread is available. Please request it from the priest.

Communion Motet: O Lord my God

O Lord my God,
Hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth,
Have thou respect unto his prayer.
Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place,
And when thou hearest Lord, forgive.

By Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). Based on Solomon's Prayer in 1 Kings 8.

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

Notices

Sending Out Hymn

- 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;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou 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.

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Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

We very much hope you have enjoyed joining us for worship at St Andrew's Chesterton this morning. If you are new or visiting, please do join us for refreshments in the St Andrew's Hall.

You are welcome also to take a welcome leaflet or fill out a contact card – and hand to a minister or the welcome team at the back. We look forward to welcoming you again.