

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading 1:** 1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19

Psalm: 91: 9 - end

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 19 - end

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Psalm: 91: 9 – end**

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
<sup>10</sup> no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;  
<sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.  
<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup> "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
<sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honour him.  
<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

**Song:** (*click link*) All my hope on God is founded <https://youtu.be/1kTu10aBaKE>

**Invitation to Confession:**

The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Confession:**

O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Absolution:**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us to live  
in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.  
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

**Reading 1: 1 Timothy 6: 6 – 19**

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**Final Charge to Timothy**

<sup>11</sup>But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen. <sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is

truly life.

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

**Gospel:        Luke 16: 19 - 31    The Rich Man and Lazarus**

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup>and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ <sup>25</sup>“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**This is the gospel of the Lord.    Praise to you O Christ.**

**Talk:** *(click link)*        <https://youtu.be/AiGQuWGE4c8>

**Song:** It is well with my Soul        [https://youtu.be/rhaTlu\\_k4w0](https://youtu.be/rhaTlu_k4w0)

*Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 Intercession**

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry.....  
Lord, hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability.....  
Lord, hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress.....  
Lord, hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for.....  
Lord, hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

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

### ***Silence is kept.***

**Collect:** Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people  
knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer:**

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  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever.        Amen.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves  
and all that we offer to God  
and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** *(click link)*    My Jesus My Saviour <https://youtu.be/4Y6qIXaKZFE>

**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;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Song: *(click link)*

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee  
and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*