



# **The Eucharist**

## *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

President: The Very Reverend Matt Thompson  
*Dean of Birmingham*

Deacon and Preacher: The Reverend Professor David Cheetham  
*Associate Priest*

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

Please **stand**, as you are able

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome may be said*

## Prayer of Preparation

We **remain standing**

*President* Almighty God,

All **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

*We are called to repentance*

*Deacon* My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*We keep silence*

*Deacon* Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
*All* **we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*We receive words of forgiveness*

*President* 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

*President* Glory to God in the highest,  
*All* **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.**

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing*

*President* Let us pray.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

*Jonah 3.10—end of 4*

*We sit for the Bible reading*

A reading from the book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and

merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the LORD said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the LORD said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

*We hear music recorded remotely by the cathedral choir; the music will also be made available via the cathedral website, [www.birminghamcathedral.com](http://www.birminghamcathedral.com)*

Lord for thy tender mercy’s 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 an upright heart  
before thee this day and evermore. Amen.

*Text: Lidley’s Prayers (1566); music: John Hilton (1599–1657)*

**We stand***Deacon* The Lord be with you*All* **and also with you.**

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The preacher is the The Reverend Professor David Cheetham*

*We sit for the sermon, after which there will be a period of silence*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel*

Let us pray.

*One of these responses may be used*

	Lord, in your mercy (or)	Lord, hear us.
All	<b>hear our prayer.</b>	<b>Lord, graciously hear us.</b>

*And at the end*

	Merciful Father
All	<b>accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.</b>

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*We stand*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We remain in our places*

*If you prefer to sit whilst the altar is prepared, please do so, and then stand as you are able as the following prayer begins*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

*All* **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.



On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Saint Philip and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## The Lord's Prayer

All           As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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

## The Invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
All           **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communion will be administered silently so we say the response together first;  
those who intend to receive are invited to join in saying Amen*

All           The body and blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Communion is distributed in the form of the bread only, given to the hand. Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest and a blessing will be administered silently*

*Please come forward when invited and filter into the line one by one, maintaining social distancing; please return to your seat via the south aisle – on the right as you face the altar. There are hand sanitising stations in the north and south aisles for your use as you remove and replace face coverings, or you may prefer to use your own*

*During the distribution of Communion, a cantor will sing*

Hier ist das rechte Osterlamm,  
Davon Gott hat geboten,  
Das ist hoch an des Kreuzes Stamm  
In heißer Lieb gebraten,  
Das Blut zeichnet unsre Tür,  
Das hält der Glaub dem Tode für,  
Der Würger kann uns nicht mehr schaden.  
Halleluja!

*This is the true Easter Lamb,  
which God has offered for us.  
High on the cross,  
given for us in love.  
His blood is the door through which  
our faith triumphs over death.  
Evil can no longer harm us.  
Alleluia!*

*Text: Martin Luther (1483–1546);  
music: J S Bach (1685–1750)*

*Silence is kept*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**We sit or kneel**

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 to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Notices may be given*

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

We **stand**

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

The peace of God,  
which passes 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 among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*After the service, please make your way promptly and safely outside via the main entrance; if you are using a printed order of service please take it with you*

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