

Morning Praise – 13th September 2026

15th after Trinity Sunday – Forgiveness

Welcome & Notices:

Opening Prayer of Praise:

God is spirit.

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

Opening Song: Jesus be the centre

**Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light
Jesus.**

**Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song
Jesus.**

***Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus. (repeat from start)***

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Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus.***

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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.

(silence)

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong**

that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
Forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Receiving God's forgiveness:

May the God of love
Bring you back to himself,
Forgive you your sins,
And assure you of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Video: Forgiveness Video

Song: I'm accepted, I'm forgiven

I'm accepted I'm forgiven
I am fathered by the true and living God.
I'm accepted no condemnation
I am loved by the true and living God.

There's no guilt or fear as I draw near
To the Saviour and Creator of the world.
There is joy and peace as I release
My worship to you O Lord. *(repeat from start)*

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Reading: Matthew 18.21–35 *(Linda Lane)*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

‘Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

‘At this the servant fell on his knees before him. “Be patient with me,” he begged, “and I will pay back everything.” The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

‘But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. “Pay back what you owe me!” he demanded.

‘His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, “Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.”

‘But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

‘Then the master called the servant in. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *(Julie)*

We declare our faith together:

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions: *(Richard)*

Responses:

**Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer**

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

Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity:

**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**

The 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.
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**

Offertory Song: Meekness and Majesty

**Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony, the man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.**

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God, this is your God.***

**Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays: "Father forgive".**

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God, this is your God.***

**Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.**

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God, this is your God.
This is your God, your God, your God.***

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Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Peace:

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of the peace.

Sharing Time:

Final song: Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
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flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord
and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness.

**Ever changing from glory to glory
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

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fill this land with the Father's glory.
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and let there be light. (repeat chorus)***

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Blessing:

We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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