



The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

20th September 2020

Welcome to St Mary's on this, the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Our president and preacher is Fr Martin and our organist is Andrew Beazley.

If you are attending the service in person, please wait for directions to go up for communion. We will be receiving communion in one kind only.

To join us online, go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

This service will be recorded and posted online afterwards.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Exodus 16, verses 2–15)

Reader: Andrew Palmer

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron

spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

PSALM 105, verses 37–45

Refrain

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Then he brought them out with silver and gold;
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

Egypt was glad at their departing,
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to light up the night.

They asked and he brought them quails;
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out
and ran in the dry places like a river.

For he remembered his holy word
and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought forth his people with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

That they might keep his statutes
and faithfully observe his laws.

Alleluia.

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

THE EPISTLE (Philippians 1, verses 21–30)

Reader: Kate Hall

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

THE GOSPEL (Matthew 20, verses 1–16)

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

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

The **HOMILY**, by **Fr Martin**

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by **Jane Chetwynd-Appleton**

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Please be cautious in attending church services. Please sign in on arrival, use the hand sanitiser, wear a mask (unless exempted), and observe social distancing.

MONDAY, 8 am – 1pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10 am.

MONDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (BCP).

MONDAY, 7 pm: Ordination as Deacon of Richard Merrick.

TUESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer.

TUESDAY, 7.15 pm: Choir Practice.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer (CW).

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10am.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with Fr Andrew.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm: Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

WEDNESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

THURSDAY, 4 pm: Young Actors Group (Hall).

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (CW).

FRIDAY, 10 am: Funeral of Janet King (by invitation only; service will be live-streamed)

FRIDAY, 7 pm: Ordination as Deacon of Sarah Van den driessche.

SATURDAY, 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SATURDAY, 12.15 pm: Bike for Life South cycle maintenance course (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: Said Eucharist.

*Enquiries about baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, confessions, and counselling may be made to the Vicar, **Fr Andrew Woodward**, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.*

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