**Sunday** 17 September 2023 - Trinity 15

**Morning Prayer 2**Hymn TP 146 - The Kingdom of God

## The kingdom of God is justice and joy,

## for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;

## God's power and glory in Jesus we know,

## and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

## The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,

## the lepers are cleansed, the sinners find place,

## the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,

## and hope is awakened in place of despair.

## The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,

## believe the good news, repent and rejoice!

## His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,

## our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

## God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,

## in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;

## the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,

## and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you and also with you

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.  
Let us worship the Lord.  
All praise to his name.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

### Penitence - saying sorry

Father, forgive us:  
save us and help us

### Forgiveness - a reminder of God’s gift

### Preparing - to hear God’s word

*The lesson reader says:*

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

### Matthew 18:21–35 - please be seated

## 21 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?” 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 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. 26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 27 The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. 28 “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. 29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ 30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

## 35 “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

Children’s Spot and Song

He made the stars to shine,  
he made the rolling sea,  
he made the mountains high,  
and he made me.  
But this is why I love him,  
for me he bled and died,  
the Lord of all creation,  
became the crucified.

### Sunday Club begins

### Psalm 14 - we stand to say

1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.  
3 All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

These evildoers devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the LORD.  
But God is present in the company of the righteous.

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

### James 2.12–17 - please be seated

## 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

## 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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### Hymn 480 - God forgave my sin

1 God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name;  
I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,  
and in Jesus’ name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

He said:  
‘Freely, freely, you have received,  
freely, freely give;  
go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live’.

2 All power is given in Jesus’ name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name;  
and in Jesus’ name I come to you  
to share his power as he told me to.

3 God gives us life in Jesus’ name,  
he lives in us in Jesus’ name;  
and in Jesus’ name I come to you,  
to share his peace as he told me to.

### The Sermon - Mercy triumphs over judgment

### Discovering heart-felt forgiveness

### Offering Hymn 222 - Here is love

1 Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
loving kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom,  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven’s eternal days.

2 On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God’s mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above,  
and heaven’s peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

### Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 again 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.

### Praying Together - Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord Lord, have mercy.

### Sunday Collect - Trinity 15

### The Lord’s Prayer - we pray with Jesus

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.

### The Benediction

### Hymn 646 1,2,4 - Glorious things of thee are spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word can ne’er be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded,  
thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

4 Saviour, since of Zion’s city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion’s children know.

### Dismissal

We go into the world  
to walk in God’s light,  
to rejoice in God’s love  
and to reflect God’s glory.