

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, 13th September 2026
St Peter Mancroft Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist

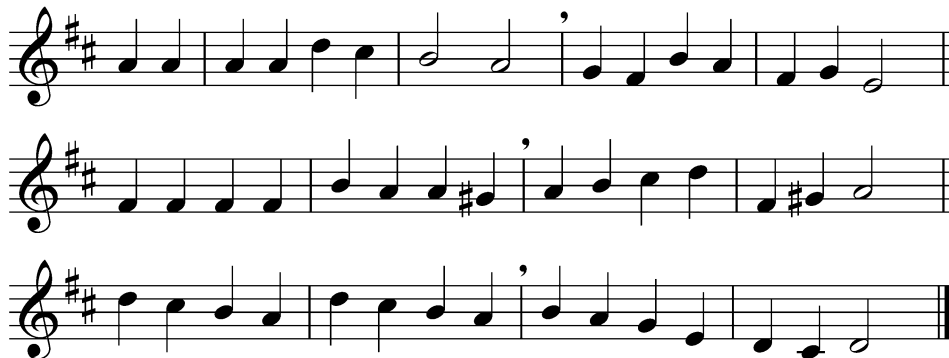
Welcome to this service, which is also being live-streamed on the St Peter Mancroft YouTube channel. A hearing loop is available for use. Please join us for refreshments in the Octagon Room after the service.

Organ music before the service begins – played by Julian Haggett, Organist
Récit de tierce en taille by Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Short notices are given just before 10.00am.

Processional Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
based on Psalm 103
A&M 766

Welcome and Introduction

Please remain standing.

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of preparation

**Almighty God,
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.**

The Confession

The deacon then invites the people to confess their sins:

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.
Let us confess our failure to receive with gratitude God's gift of creation,
and repent of the ways in which we have caused it harm.

Please sit or kneel, and join in saying the words in bold:

You laid the foundations of the earth,
but we have claimed your world as our own.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All things were created through you and for you,
but we have not lived as those who belong to you.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make all things new,
but our hope has grown dim.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister then proclaims God's absolution:

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria (Setting: Mass of St Cedd - Nardone)

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the Gloria.

*Glory to God in the highest, 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

Please remain standing.

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. **Amen.**

First reading: Romans 14.1-12, read by Stephen Mudd

Please sit.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 103.8-13

Please remain seated as the choir sings the psalm. The congregation joins in singing the refrain



The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18.21-35

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so for the gospel reading, and turn to face the centre of the Nave, from where the gospel will be read.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I

had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, given by Fiona Haworth

Please sit.

Nicene Creed

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions, led by Ann Robinson

Please sit or kneel.

This response may be used as part of the intercessions:

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

At the end of the intercessions these words may be used:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so as the deacon introduces the Peace:

You shall go out in joy and be led back into peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857–1932)
A&M 666

The Preparation of the Altar Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
by your goodness the world was formed and filled with plenty.
As we set before you this bread and wine,
teach us gratitude for your gifts
and make us faithful stewards of your creation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing for the first part of the prayer if you're comfortable doing so.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For by your word the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of your mouth.
You formed us in your image, the crown of your creation,
and entrusted us with the works of your hands.

In your great goodness you sent your Son, the firstborn of all creation,
who holds all things together in himself,
and through whom you make all things new.
You have given us the first-fruits of the Spirit,
as creation itself waits with eager longing
to obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.

And so, with angels and archangels and with all that you have made,
we join the song of your glory, forever praising you and singing:

*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.*

Please sit or kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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 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. **Amen.**

*We invite you to say the Lord's Prayer in the language in which you're most comfortable.
The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying:*

As our Saviour taught us, so together 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 president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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

The Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.*

The president invites the people to receive communion, saying:

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

Please follow the guidance of the Sidespeople as you come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Those sitting in the side aisles are invited forward first, and then those in the central nave starting from the back. Please approach down the central aisle and return to your place using one of the side aisles. Communion is given at the chancel step in the form of a bread wafer (please ask if you require gluten-free) and wine from the shared chalice. Following national guidance issued for health reasons, please note it is not permitted to dip your wafer in the shared chalice. If you do not wish to drink from the shared chalice simply return to your place after receiving the wafer.

Communion Anthem: Call to remembrance - Farrant

Communion Hymn

Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Master, grant that I may never seek...**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Sebastian Temple (1928–1997)

from a prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

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Post Communion Prayers

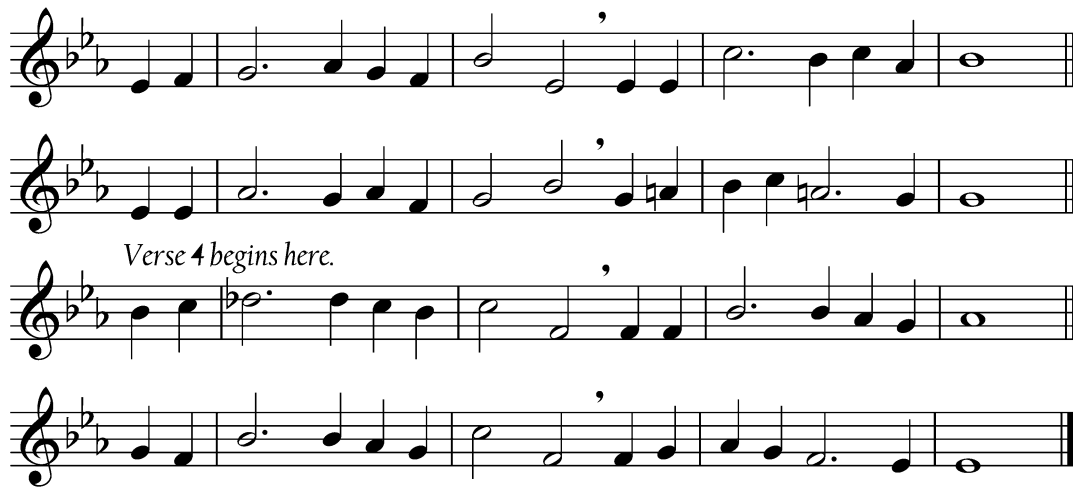
Please remain seated or kneeling.

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. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Final Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so, turning to face the West end as the servers and ministers process out.



**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

Second half of tune:
**If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)
A&M 806

Final Blessing

The presiding minister uses these words:

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. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people using these words:

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

Organ Voluntary: played by Julian Haggett, Organist

Suite du Deuxième Ton: Caprice sur les Grands Jeux by Louis-Nicolas
Clarembault (1676-1749)

Please remain standing while the crucifer and choir return down the South Aisle to the Vestry. You're then invited to sit for the organ voluntary, or feel free to depart. A collection is not being taken during the service at present, but if you wish to make a donation to the work of St Peter Mancroft please use the box or plate by the door, or the contactless donation point at the back of church, to give by card.

Following the service coffee is being served in the Octagon Room. Access is via the entrance on Hay Hill, for which please exit the church by the South door and head down the churchyard path. There are steps on this route – to avoid the steps please go out of the gate and down Hay Hill, re-entering the churchyard by the Octagon.

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