

Fifteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Partita on HYFRYDOL

P. Fey

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Awake, arise, O Sing a new song

M. Leasure

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#28 For Beauty of Meadows

ST. DENIO

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and life,
you set before us today
the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness;
of putting on the light of Christ;
of being watchful and prepared
for your coming in our midst.

Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us
of the One who is to come.
So many people, young and old,
are yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives.
Remind us to shine the light and love of Christ
through our lives.

Merciful God,
cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us
from loving you, our neighbour and ourselves;
so that our lives radiate faith active in love,
as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world
once more in the person of Jesus Christ.
Amen

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

I Corinthians 13:1-8a Page 183, 2nd half of NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: When we are tempted to hold our neighbours to account, instead of remembering to love them as ourselves;
Many: Clothe us, O Christ, with your love and by your Spirit.

One: When we are tempted to believe that darkness is prevailing, and that the light is forever far away from us;
Many: Clothe us, O Christ, with your love and by your Spirit.

One: When we are tempted to cave in to hopelessness and scarcity, and seek to fulfill our own needs at the expense of others;

Many: Clothe us, O Christ, with your love and by your Spirit.

All: Remind us, O Christ, of how easy it is to fall into a dark way and draw us instead to you and your way.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#273 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

CHEREONI

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#397 The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14 Pages 169-170, 2nd half of NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Becky Bonham

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Gift of Love

arr. H. Helvey

***New Doxology**

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

Marco Adria

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#391 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

R. Gillard

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown;

Prayers of the People - Norah Shippit;

Scripture Reading - Esther Steeves, Alex Bayne;

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— FBC Council