

Sunday 15 October

18th Sunday after Trinity

Processional Hymn

1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, ah, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many angels,
and all the martyr throng;
the prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they, who with their leader
have fully run the race,
are robed in white for ever
before their Saviour's face.

4. O, sweet and blessed country
shall I e'er see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I e'er win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall by thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!

Words: Bernard of Cluny, tr. J. M. Neale

Tune: EWING

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25.1-9

Psalm 23

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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New Testament Reading Phillipians 4.1-9

Gradual Hymn

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news.
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns*

You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
Shout for your King, your King!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion:
our God reigns, our God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem, break forth with joy!
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations, he has bared His holy arm:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

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Gospel Reading Matthew 22.1-14

Offertory Hymn

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at ev'ry eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done:'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wand'ers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.

Words: William Henry Turton

Tune: SONG I

Music during Communion

Adagio BWV 564 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

The Call (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,

here the memory of your passion is renewed,

here our minds are filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn.

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Words: Edward Burns

Tune: FULDA

Organ Voluntary

Toccata & Fugue in C major BWV 564 (J.S. Bach)