

Sunday 5th. September, 2021 11.00 am
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig. B.Mus., P.G.C.E.

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 710 'I have a dream,' a man once said,

'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.'

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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Scripture Sentence

Opening Prayer

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Scripture: St. Mark 7:24-37

Children's Address

Hymn 142 A small thing like a hazelnut

A small thing like a hazelnut
lay in my open hand,
and God disclosed three truths to me
that I might understand:
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care;
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care for it.

I marvelled that this little thing
reveals how God can be
our maker, lover, keeper, now
and for eternity!
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care;
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care for you!

Until my heart is one with God,
its aching will not cease,
and so I rest, held close by God,
these three truths bringing peace:
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care;
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care for me!

Sermon

Musical Interlude

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 685 For everyone born, a place at the table,

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.
*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Chorus

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands kind and wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Chorus

4 For just and unjust a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

Chorus

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Chorus

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold.)