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# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL CNI, 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021



8:45 am : ONLINE SERVICE

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Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Man does not live by bread alone  
But by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia

HYMN



Words: Based on Matthew 6:33  
Music: Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

**May our hearts be open to trust you.**

From the corners of worry and fear, from the shadows where we huddle with our doubts,

**God calls us to this place of sanctuary where we can draw from love's deep wells.**

In every person who embraces us with acceptance, in every touch that offers healing and hope,

**the Spirit calls us to see those around us as God's beloved, our sisters and brothers of grace.**

**Collect for The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity**

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Ministry of the Word

### Old Testament : Joshua 24. 14 - 25

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of <sup>[a]</sup>the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! <sup>15</sup> And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of <sup>[b]</sup>the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” <sup>16</sup> So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for the LORD our God *is* He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He *is* our God.” <sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for He *is* a holy God. He *is* a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.” <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD!” <sup>22</sup> So Joshua said to the people, “You *are* witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him.” And they said, “*We are* witnesses!” <sup>23</sup> “Now therefore,” *he said*, “put away the foreign gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!” <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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**Responsive Psalm 119: 113 - 120**

113 I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.

114 **You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.**

115 Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God!

116 **Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;**

**And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.**

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

118 **You reject all those who stray from Your statutes,**

**For their deceit *is* falsehood.**

119 You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross;

Therefore I love Your testimonies.

120 **My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.**

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**New Testament: Galatians 6.11-18**

<sup>11</sup> See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! <sup>12</sup> As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor circumcision avails anything, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup> And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

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<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup> “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ**



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## The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Rev Avinash Rangayya : Sermon



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**The Sharing of Peace**

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, says the Lord, there am I in the midst of them.” The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

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Branch: Fort, Mumbai - 400001

IFSC code: UTIB0000004

The AGM of the St Thomas’ Cathedral will be held on the **26<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at 10 am at the St Thomas’ Cathedral Fort Mumbai. The Agenda and the Voters List will be displayed at the church notice board. In case the restriction on religious gatherings are still in force, the AGM will be held at the International YMCA , Bombay central

The Bombay Diocesan Council (AGM) will be held on the **25<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at 10am at Hume High School Byculla

**Birthday**

**Anniversary**

Joyna Michyari

September 13

Rita & Roop Kamal

September 16

Amos Rangayya

September 16

Vijaya Pastala

September 17

Karishma David

September 18

Nikhil Mengde

September 18

In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. We place into the hands of God the life of this Cathedral , the people around us, and those who are not here today. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God our difficulties and frustrations, and our hopes and our worries about the future. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God the life of the Church in all the world, all people in the world who bring God's love to others, all people who are in danger because they share the love of God. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God the Leaders of the Church, Premchand our Moderator, Dhramaraj Moderator of Church of South India, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop, Avinash our Presbyter and Paul our Deacon, that by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy true and life-giving Word. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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We place into the hands of God a world that needs peace, a world that needs wisdom, a world that needs healing and end to terror all over the world. For peace and harmony among all nations. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God the poor of our own and every land, those who live in fear, and all who hold the lives of others in their hands. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those we know who are suffering Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God all those families who have lost their loved ones. May the Peace of God rest with them. Lord in your mercy  
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain “Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness.”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain



Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866 – 1960)  
Tune: ‘Faithfulness’ by William Runyan (1870 – 1957)

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## 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 trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

## Benediction

The peace of God which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always Amen.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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BE THE CHURCH

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