

Trinity Fifteen

Christian Forgiveness and the Joy of the Lord

Hymns

- 560 Praise my soul the king of heaven
109 Crown him with many crowns
456 Make me a channel of your peace
414 Let us break bread together -
31 Amazing grace

Collect

Merciful God, whose forgiveness is wider than our sin and whose grace is greater than our deserving: teach us, by your Holy Spirit, to receive your mercy with thankful hearts and to forgive one another as you have forgiven us in Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 114

- 114.1** When Israel came out of Egypt,
• **the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,**
2 Judah became his sanctuary,
• **Israel his dominion.**
3 The sea saw that, and fled;
• **Jordan was driven back.**
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
• **the little hills like young sheep.**
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
• **O Jordan, that you were driven back?**

- 6** You mountains, that you skipped like rams,
• **you little hills like young sheep?**
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
• **at the presence of the God of Jacob,**
8 Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water;
• **the flint-stone into a springing well.**

Epistle Reading Romans 14:1-12

Do Not Judge Another

- 14.1** Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. **2** Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. **3** 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. **4** 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.
5 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.
6 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.
7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. **8** 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. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
10 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. **11** For it is written,

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

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

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Forgiveness

21 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?' **22** Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

23 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; **25** 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. **26** So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." **27** And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. **28** 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." **29** Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." **30** But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he

should pay the debt. **31** 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. **32** Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" **34** And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. **35** 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

Offertory Prayer

Receive these gifts we bring before you today. May they be offered not only from our hands, but from lives made generous by grace, reconciled through mercy, and renewed in the joy of the Lord. Through Jesus Christ, who forgives us, restores us, and fills us with his joy. Amen.

Notices

NEXT Sunday 20th 3 pm Tree Cathedral Service- SEP wide event.Details overleaf.

Chatterbox

Every Wednesday 10:30 am to 12:30pm.
All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet & chat.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study
Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

Community Larder
Every Tuesday from 11- 12:30

Stantonbury Churches Newsletter

Sunday 12th September 2026

THE CROSS AND STABLE

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COLD IRON

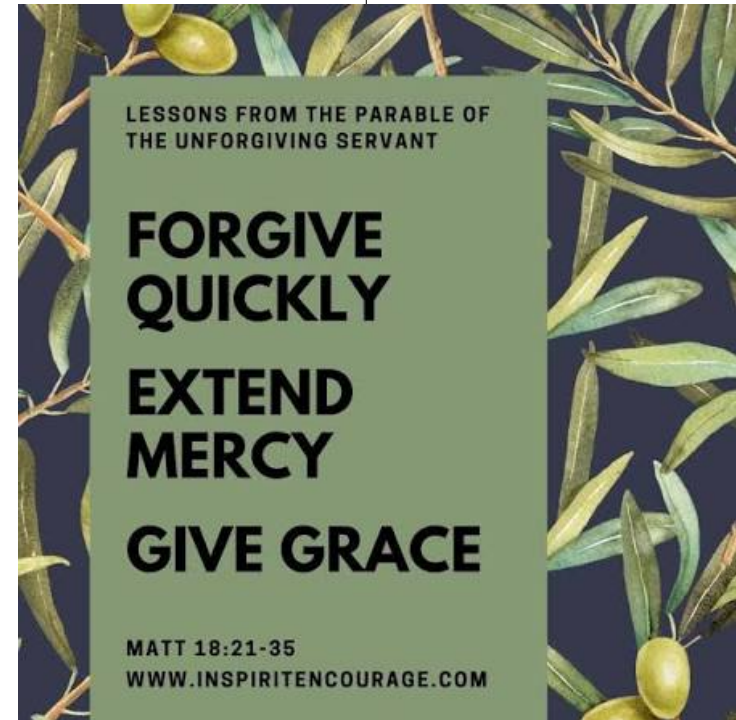
Strike the cold iron till the sparks ignite,
We bend the past within the furnace glow,
To heal is not to wash the canvas white,
But hammer out the dents of long ago.
This forgeiness—the art of making new,
Out of the fractured scrap and broken steel,
We melt the ancient spite we thought we knew,
And shape a sharper truth that we can feel.
No gentle grace, no saintly turn of cheek,
But heavy muscles pulling at the weight,
The radical demands that change the weak,
Re-welding love inside the ribs of hate.
To forge ahead, we must destroy the mold,
And pour the liquid silver through the cold.

Tree Cathedral Service:

*..its on Sunday 20th
September at 3pm - in the
Tree Cathedral, Campbell
Park, MK.*

*Its led by our Ministry team
and the Woburn Sands B
band are playing for us.
All are welcome to attend.*

There is a designated car
park - the entrance is
opposite to the Gullivers
Theme Park entrance, and
you will be required to pay
for parking (...including
blue badge holders).
You should bring suitable
clothing, for the weather
conditions, and a chair to
sit on...



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TODAY

Trinity Fifteen
Holy Communion
Led by Sam

THIS SUNDAY

Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-25

NEXT SUNDAY:

Exodus 16: 2-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity Sixteen
Baptist Communion
Led by Phil

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