

RESOURCE SHEET

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
13th September 2020

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm: Psalm 114
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

The readings may be followed by some discussion or silent meditation

*[A homily reflection can be found here](#)
[and an audio recording here.](#)*

This hymn may be said or sung for reflection

HYMN

[Link for a recording to accompany the hymn](#)

1
Lord, your word abiding,
and our footsteps guiding,
gives us joy for ever,
binds us all together.

3
Word of mercy, giving
nourishment for living:
word of life, supplying
comfort for the dying.

2
Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

6
O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you,
evermore be near you.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) *alt.* TIS 427

Suggested music for reflection,

'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' by J G Whittier set to 'Repton' by C H H Parry

The following prayers are said, appropriate to the day

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong,
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

O God, you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:

Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you.

Lord, you opened your arms for us on the Cross, you welcome us into your Kingdom: may your saving power be known among us, and lead us into the ways of peace, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in everlasting love. **Amen.**

Lord, we pray that your church may be welcoming and open. Let us draw others to you by our love and understanding. May we be a support to the weak in faith, a strength to the wavering, and uplift the fallen. Let us not be judgemental, and yet let us stand firm in our love for you and for your will. Teach us to be forgiving towards others as we seek forgiveness from you. We pray for the outreach of your church, and particularly in this parish at this time the work of the Finch Street Community Fund, St Jack's, the 'St Agnes' Angels' and all other out-workings of our mission to proclaim your Gospel of hope.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those who feel diminished and weary, those who have been hurt in love or betrayed by loved ones, all who are in trouble or in need that you would meet them in your compassion and sustain them through every adversity. We name before you from this community those whom we particularly hold before you in prayer: Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Phil, Cameron and Anne.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who in their generosity have given their lives in the service of others. We pray that as they gave their love and their life, you will give them love and life eternal. May we, with them, share in your love and in life everlasting. We commend to you those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Amy Blanche Golding, Vida Myrtle Diggle, Vivian John Jonas, John Robert Cowan, William Frederick Dancer.

May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A recording by Yi-Shuen Chan on Organ of "Feux Follets" by Louis Vierne