

Sunday 8th September
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this
house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place
may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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.**

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

The New Testament reading is taken from the
second chapter of the
First Letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all
guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like
newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow into salvation— if
indeed you have tasted that the Lord is
good. Come to him, a living stone, though
rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in
God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves
be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy
priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable
to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in
scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to
shame."
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for
those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"
and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as
they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
holy nation, God's own people, in order that you
may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called
you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-29

At that time the festival of the Dedication took
place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was
walking in the temple, in the portico of
Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and
said to him, "How long will you keep us in
suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us
plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and
you do not believe. The works that I do in my
Father's name testify to me; but you do not
believe, because you do not belong to my
sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and
they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they
will never perish. No one will snatch them out of
my hand. What my Father has given me is greater
than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the
Father's hand.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly
peace, an image of the new and eternal
Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed
with the living bread of heaven, and united in the
body of your Son, we may be the temple of your
presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a
sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**