



PORTSMOUTH
CATHEDRAL

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday 13 September 2026

THE COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel, that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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.

All **Amen.**

LESSON

The Lesson is written in the fiftieth chapter of the book of Genesis
beginning at the fifteenth verse.

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said,
Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil
which we did unto him. And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying,
Thy father did command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto
Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their
sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass
of the servants of the God of thy father.

And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said,
Behold, we be thy servants.

And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to
bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore
fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones.

And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. (50.15-21)

Here endeth the Lesson.

Some people may stand for the Gospel reading, but stay seated if you wish.

GOSPEL

Priest The Holy Gospel is written in the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the twenty-first verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then came Peter to Jesus, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (18.21-35)

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Next Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Jonah 3.10-end of 4, Matthew 20.1-16