Sunday 13th September, Trinity 15, Proper 19

President:	Preacher:
The Revd Jane Walker	The Revd Canon Alma Servant

FIRST HYMN: 393

FIRST READING Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead,
Joseph's brothers said,
"What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us
and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we
did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying,
"Your father gave this instruction before he died,
'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your
brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'
Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants
of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.
His brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."
But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good,
in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.
So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones."
In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM 103

The Lord our God is merciful and gracious,
slow to show anger, full of steadfast love.
He will not turn on us or yet accuse us,
Nor let his anger rain down from above.

God does not punish us for all our failing,
Or give us grief for all that we have done.
High as the heav'n, so high, so far above us,
Is the creator's love for everyone.

God will go far to heal our sin and failing;
Reaching as far as east is from the west,
A parent's compassion, there for all the children
who fear the Lord, and in such love are blest.

SECOND READING: Romans 14.1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION VERSE:

Jesus Christ is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18.21-25

OFFERTORY HYMN: 273

DURING COMMUNION: 294

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN: 368

Notices and Information for this week. **Please take this sheet home with you.**	
Monday September 14th Holy Cross Day	**1930 Eucharist**
Thursday September 17th	**1930 Eucharist**
Sunday September 21st	**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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In a few weeks' time we hope to be able to start a combined programme
on a Thursday offering a drop-in from our Taban Charity team,
a soup lunch on some weeks,
and then the Foodbank will open for two hours in the afternoon.
The Foodbank is always seeking new volunteers,
and Aaron the manager can offer training.
(Offers to cook soup are welcome as well!)
Please let Hilary know if you are interested in volunteering or other support.
English conversation, letter-writing, test preparation….