

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Fourth Sunday Family Communion

Sunday 26th September 2021, 10.30am

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion.
This is a service for *everyone* to engage with and to participate in.
Please make yourselves at home.

Gathering to Worship God

We meet in the name of God,
All **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

God is great!
All **Let the people praise you!** (*repeat 4 times*)

Musical Meditation – *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

Saying Sorry to God

A time of confession is introduced.
We keep silence and then join together to pray:

For all the times we have forgotten those
who reach out to help us.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the times we have not tried to follow Jesus.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

For all the times we have not listened
to those who need us.
Lord have mercy,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung to the tune Ode to Joy*)

Prayer of the Day (the Collect)

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Bible

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 11.18-20

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁸ The LORD showed me that the men of Anathoth were making plans against me. He showed me what they were doing, so I knew they were against me. ¹⁹ Before he showed me this, I was like a gentle lamb waiting to be butchered. I did not understand that they were against me. They were saying this about me: “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit! Let us kill him! Then people will forget him.” ²⁰ So I prayed, “LORD All-Powerful, you are a fair judge. You know how to test people’s hearts and minds. I will tell you my arguments, and I will let you give them the punishment they deserve.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn – And Can it Be That I Should Gain (32)

**All And can it be that I should gain
An int’rest in the Saviour’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

'Tis myst'ry all: th' Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above—
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Gospel Reading – Mark 9.30-37.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰ Then Jesus and his followers left there and went through Galilee. Jesus did not want the people to know where they were. ³¹

He wanted to teach his followers alone. He said to them, “The Son of Man will be handed over to the control of other men, who will kill him. After three days, he will rise from death.”³² But the followers did not understand what he meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

³³ Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum. They went into a house, and Jesus said to them, “I heard you arguing on the way here today. What were you arguing about?”³⁴ But the followers did not answer, because their argument on the road was about which one of them was the greatest.

³⁵ Jesus sat down and called the twelve apostles to him. He said, “Whoever wants to be the most important must make others more important than themselves. They must serve everyone else.”

³⁶ Then Jesus took a small child and stood the child in front of the followers. He held the child in his arms and said,³⁷ “Whoever accepts children like these in my name is accepting me. And anyone who accepts me is also accepting the one who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk – Look at me or look at others!

Affirmation of Faith

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Time to Pray

Between each petition:

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

At the end the following may be said:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

All Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

All Let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hymn – At the Name of Jesus (54)

All At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain, in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;

for all wreaths of empire, meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him, King of glory now.

Sharing in Holy Communion

Minister
All

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us.

Minister
All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Minister
All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Children
All

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Listen, and we will hear.

Left side

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

Right side

You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

All

**You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Left side

We thank you,
loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.

Right side He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
All **Send your Holy Spirit**
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Children Why do we share this bread and wine?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Minister On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.

'So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Children How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Minister Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with James and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

All **Let us share this special meal together.**
Let's remember Jesus died for us and rose again,
and is with us now.
Let's draw close to God
and to each other around God's table.

Going out to Serve God

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

For bringing us together in love.
All **Thank you!**
For feeding us with your very self.
All **Thank you!**

For the power of your Spirit.

All Thank you!

For sending us out into the world filled with you Spirit.

All Thank you!

Notices

Worship song – *Sing for Joy*
(performed by Sara, Claire and Mike)

If we call to Him, He will answer us
If we run to Him, He will run to us
If we lift our hands, He will lift us up
Come now praise His name, all you saints of God

Oh, sing for joy to God our strength
Oh, sing for joy to God our strength, our strength

Draw near to Him, He is here with us
Give Him your love, He's in love with us
He will heal our hearts, He will cleanse our hands
If we rend our hearts He will heal our land

Oh, sing for joy to God our strength
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Final Blessing

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and transform your lives,
to bring his light to others.

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

We go together with joy and laughter.

All **We go!**

We go together to love and to share.

All **We go!**

We go together to explore and to learn.

All **We go!**

We go in peace to love and serve God.

All **In the name of Christ.**
Amen.