

# **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 – Numbers 11.4-6, 10-15, 24-29**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The foreigners who had joined the Israelites began wanting other things to eat. Soon all the Israelites began complaining again. The people said, “We want to eat meat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt. That fish cost us nothing. We also had good vegetables like cucumbers, melons, chives, onions, and garlic. But now we have lost our strength. We never eat anything – only this manna!”

Moses said to GOD, “Why are you treating me this way? What did I ever do to you to deserve this? Did I conceive them? Was I their mother? So why dump the responsibility of this people on me? Why tell me to carry them around like a nursing mother, carry them all the way to the land you promised to their ancestors? Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people who are whining to me, ‘Give us meat; we want meat.’ I can’t do this by myself – it’s too much, all these people. If this is how you intend to treat me, do me a favour and kill me. I’ve seen enough; I’ve had enough. Let me out of here.”

So Moses gathered 70 of the elders together and told them to stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. He put on the 70 elders some of the same Spirit that was on Moses. After the Spirit came down on them, they began to prophesy. But that was the only time they ever did this.

Two of the elders, Eldad and Medad, did not go out to the Tent. Their names were on the list of elders, but they stayed in camp. But the Spirit also came on them, and they began prophesying in camp.

A young man ran and told Moses. The man said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in camp.”

Joshua son of Nun said to Moses, “Moses, you must stop them!” (Joshua had been Moses’ helper since Joshua was a boy.)

But Moses answered, “Are you afraid the people will think that I am not the leader now? I wish that all the LORD’s people were able to prophesy. I wish that the LORD would put his Spirit on all of them!”

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’reast 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 9.38-end.**

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

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

'Jesus' said John, one of the disciples, excitedly.

'We saw a man using your name to drive our demons. We tried to stop him, because he wasn't in our group.'

'Don't stop him, let him continue,' Jesus said calmly. 'No one can use my name to do something good and then be against me. If someone gives you a drive because you belong to me, God sees that, and they will get their reward. But if someone should encourage others to do wrong things, they will have their punishment. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a huge millstone around their neck.'

Jesus wanted them to understand how important it was to do the right things, not to be confused and influenced by the wrong people, and not to be tempted to do the wrong things. He gave them an example to help them. He said, 'Salt is good, but suppose it loses its salty taste – that's bad! How can it become salty again? Be salty yourself by making sure you do good things. Encourage other people to do good things. Make sure you are kind as individuals and live in peace together.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk – Pass the salt**

## 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*      The Lord is here  
**All**              **God's Spirit is with us.**

*Minister*      Lift up your hearts.  
**All**              **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Children*      Why is it right to give thanks and praise?  
**All**              **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

**All** As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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 mend our hearts He will heal our land

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

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

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

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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.**