

# 19 September 2021 - The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Reading - - - - - : Jeremiah 11:18-20

11:18 It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

11:19 But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

11:20 But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm - - - - : Psalm 54**

Save me, O God, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me,  
the ruthless seek my life;  
they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will repay my enemies for their evil.

In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;

I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Together let us pray....

God of mercy, hear our prayer and come to our aid, that from the rising of the sun to its setting we may offer you a pure sacrifice of praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

**New Testament Reading - - - - : James 3:13 - 4:3,  
7-8a**

3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

3:14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

3:16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

3:18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

4:2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

## **The Gospel Reading - - - - : Mark 9:30-37**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to *Mark*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

9:30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee.  
He did not want anyone to know it;

9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

9:32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

9:33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

9:34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

9:36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

9:37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People -**

*The truly great in God's eyes are those who are  
prepared to be last of all and servant of all.*

Let us pray to the God of Glory  
in whom we live and move and have our being.

We pray that the Church may hold true  
to the teaching of Jesus, without being persuaded  
that worldly values of status and ambition  
are suitable or acceptable in Christ's followers.  
We pray for a spirit of humility  
to deflate all pomposity and arrogance.

*Silence*

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
Yours the power and yours the glory.

We pray that all in positions of power,  
authority and influence in our world  
may recognize their calling to servanthood  
and never lose their identity  
with the needs and longings of those they serve.

*Silence*

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
yours the power and yours the glory.

We pray that all communities  
may look after one another,  
supporting the vulnerable, encouraging the timid,  
providing practical help for all who need it,

and nurturing the young in a climate of trust.

*Silence*

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
Yours the power and yours the glory.

We pray that none may be considered expendable,  
or beyond our cherishing;  
we pray for all who have lost heart,  
through pain, suffering or sin,  
but God's redeeming power may work it's wonders  
in the very darkest situations.

*Silence*

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
Yours the power and your glory.

We pray that all who have wearily  
struggled to death  
may know the joy of burdens laid down,  
and new, lasting life transforming them  
through the eternal love of God.

*Silence*

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
yours the power and yours the glory.

We pray that we may find new joy  
in giving and serving freely, without thanks,  
rejoicing in the privilege of following Jesus.

Merciful father, except these prayers  
For the sake of your son,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution -**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and  
infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites  
them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's  
forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we  
have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are  
truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory

of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm  
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in  
eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Peace -**

The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.  
And also with you.

## **Prayer over the Gifts -**

### **Let us pray -**

God of power,  
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  
Accept our offering this day,  
and help us to live in peace and harmony  
with all your creation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray

Ruler of the universe,  
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.  
May we who have shared in holy things  
grow into maturity in him.  
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Doxology**

Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from  
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ  
Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Dismissal -**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.