

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 19,2021**

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Opening Sentence

God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.

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

We Praise You, O God

**We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion your tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we bring.**

**We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers, through trial and tempest companion and guide.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.**

**With voices united, our praise we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing. To you, our great redeemer, for ever be praise!**

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The Proclamation of the Word: Proverbs Proverbs 31.10–31

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

James 3.13—4.3, 7–8a

Mark 9.30–37A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

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.**

For The Fruit of All Creation

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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The Prayer of the People (see litany below and...)

Parish Prayer cycle: Nella Kirk, Tapanga Lecompte

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, Tom.

We continue to pray for the front line workers who serve in the midst of this pandemic and our Archbishop, Anne Germond. St. Paul's, Thunder Bay: The Ven. Dr. Deborah Kraft, The Rev. Gordon Holroyd (Hon.), The Rev. Anne Carr (Deacon Assoc.). Lay Readers of the Diocese – Pray for the Lay Readers of the Diocese as they participate in their conference (September 24th – 25th) hosted by the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin, and for the ministries of all Lay Readers in the parishes, deaneries and diocese. We also pray for the congregation at the Church of the Ascension and the Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut, interim priest.

Prayers of the People - Litany # 3 (Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for *N* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. Lord, hear our prayer.
We pray for *this city* and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all. Lord, hear our prayer.
We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence. Lord, hear our prayer.
We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith. Lord, hear our prayer.
We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

The Lord's prayer

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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Final Blessing & Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God!

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