**Morning Prayer on the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 22nd September 2024**

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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ

to offer our praise and thanksgiving,

to hear and receive God’s holy word,

to pray for the needs of the world,

and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says,

‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:

Forgive our pride

Lord, have mercy

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:

Forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy,

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:

Forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy,

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*First reading:* James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a

**13**Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. **14**But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. **15**Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. **16**For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

**17**But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. **18**Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

**4**What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? **2**You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. **3**When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

**4**You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. **5**Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? **6**But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.”

**7**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8**Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*Psalmody* Psalm 54

**Refrain:    Behold, God is my helper.**

1    Save me, O God, by your name

and vindicate me by your power.

2    Hear my prayer, O God;

give heed to the words of my mouth.

3    For strangers have risen up against me,

and the ruthless seek after my life;

they have not set God before them.

4    Behold, God is my helper;

it is the Lord who upholds my life.

**Refrain:    Behold, God is my helper.**

5    May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me;

destroy them in your faithfulness.

6    An offering of a free heart will I give you

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

7    For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,

and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

**Refrain:    Behold, God is my helper.**

O living God,

reach through the violence of the proud

and the despair of the weak

to create in Jesus Christ

a people free to praise your holy name,

now and for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now   
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Second reading:* Mark 9: 30-37

**30**They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, **31**because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” **32**But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

**33**They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” **34**But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

**35**Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

**36**He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, **37**“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

**Intercessions**

Loving Lord, we commend to you those who are striving to make peace in Ukraine and in Israel-Palestine. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

We remember all those who live in regions where there is conflict and unrest; those who have been injured; those who have lost loved ones. Grant to them comfort and strength.

Help us to be peacemakers  
**Give us wisdom, mercy and righteousness**

Gracious Saviour we pray for those making political and economic policy in our own country. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

We pray for the health service; for those who fear fuel poverty; for all who are dependent on foodbanks. Embrace each one with your comforting love.

Help us to be peacemakers  
**Give us wisdom, mercy and righteousness**

Life-giving Spirit, we pray for our church and the church throughout the world; for all religious leaders and followers. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

We pray for all congregations and communities of Christians. Give them a desire for unity; a passion for mission and a yearning to make more followers of Christ.

Help us to be peacemakers  
**Give us wisdom, mercy and righteousness**

Trinity of love, joy and peace we pray for all with particular needs at this time; for those who are sick; for those who grieve; for those who are lonely; for those who are despondent. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

We pray for those who offer counselling, medical care, pastoral support and love. Give them strength, comfort and compassion in all that they are and do.

Help us to be peacemakers  
**Give us wisdom, mercy and righteousness**

May we showthe wisdom that comes from heaven - pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Make us peacemakers who sow in peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

In the name of Jesus  
**Amen**

*Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless

till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts

and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is the source of all goodness and growth,

pour his blessing upon all things created;

and upon us his children,

that we may use his gifts to his glory

and for the welfare of all peoples;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

remain with us and those we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen**.

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**Exe Valley Lunches 12.30pm - 2.30pm**

Thurs 10th October - Calverleigh Court

Contact the church office to book 01884 250417

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