



Worship for Sunday 4th October

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the 17th Sunday after Trinity. Welcome if you are worshipping with us in our church building, or over Zoom or at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather in the presence of our merciful heavenly father. The reading this week contains another vineyard parable that challenges us to make sure that we live lives that reflect the values and bear the fruit of the kingdom of God. Let us take a moment to be still in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

Call to worship

As the gardener prepares and clears the ground for the vine, so that it may grow and produce good fruit, help us, O God, to prepare ourselves to meet with you in worship that we too may grow and be fruitful. **Amen**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you and **also with you.**

Hymn: My song is love unknow

A gathering prayer

Let us come and wait for our Saviour. Let us come and wait for his transforming power. Let us come and experience his abiding love. Let us come and worship him. **Amen**

Prayers of penitence

The sun of righteous has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

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

Collect for the 17th Sunday after trinity

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. Amen

Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Responses

Open my eyes of Lord that I may see the wonders of your law.
Open my eyes of Lord that I may see the wonders of your law.
Lead me in the path of your commandments
that I may see the wonders of your law.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Open my eyes of Lord that I may see the wonders of your law.

Hymn: All Heaven declares

Reading: Matthew 21: 33-end

Talk

I have made a video of the talk the link is below and, in the email, sent with this service sheet.

A prayer

God the gardener and carer of the vines, we praise you for the breath of life. We thank you for the love and care you give us. We are sorry that our words and actions are not always like sweet wine. We ask you to help and encourage us bears the fruits of the kingdom and to play our part in creating a fruitful vineyard. **Amen**

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and 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

Hymn: Father hear the prayer we offer

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us pray trustfully to God who loves us.

Loving God guide your church into ways of spiritual beauty and gracious wisdom. May your word be spoken out with passion and heard with humility and joy. Sustain us and help us to grow so that we bear fruit in abundance. Guide and strengthen your church to live out the values of the kingdom and to share your love with all. Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Loving God may justice and righteousness flourish in this neighbourhood, this country, this world. Bless those who work to right what is wrong and mediate where there is conflict. Raise up leaders who serve with integrity and compassion and fill them with your wisdom and grace. We continue our prayers for all those affected by the coronavirus, for those who are ill, those in recovery, those who have died, those who mourn, those with financial concerns, for the anxious and fearful and all those who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for our community for all who live, work, and visit this place. Fill our homes and neighbours with the generosity and trust that allows space but is always ready to encourage and support, and to offer kindness and compassion. Help us to be more aware of the needs around us. Thank you for all the love, care, and kindness we have received. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, give comfort and healing to all who are in any kind of need, sorrow or pain and in a moment of silence we name before you any we know who are suffering whether in body, mind or spirit. *Silence.* May they sense your reassuring presence and know that you are with them always. Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing and peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who have died to this earthly life and now see you face to face. We remember those we love but see no longer as we commit them to the safety of your keeping. We pray for those who are grieving at this time, may they find comfort, love, and strength in you. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we offer you our own prayers and concerns. *Silence.*

Loving God, we thank you for all the care and attention that you lavish on us; make us worthy of our calling and continue your ongoing work in us.

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

The Lord's Prayer

The peace

Blessed are the peace makers: they shall be called the children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

We go out

May we live in faith and in righteousness, always love, and make Jesus, the Christ, the cornerstone of our lives. Amen

God the father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen us to proclaim Christ as Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us this day and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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