**Holy Communion for Sunday 4 October 2020**

**17th Sunday after Trinity**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Greeting**

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

**and also with you.**

**Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration**

**of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly**

**love you, and worthily magnify**

**your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.   
Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you

in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *(please stand)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,**

**we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away**

**the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the**

**right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone**

**are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of**

**God the Father. Amen.**

**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. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

**5**1I will sing for the one I love  
    a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
    on a fertile hillside.  
**2**He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
    and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it  
    and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
    but it yielded only bad fruit.

**3**“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
    judge between me and my vineyard.  
**4**What more could have been done for my vineyard  
    than I have done for it?  
When I looked for good grapes,  
    why did it yield only bad?  
**5**Now I will tell you  
    what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge,  
    and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall,  
    and it will be trampled.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

33 ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ 41They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

42 Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
   has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
   and it is amazing in our eyes”?  
43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,      
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith

of the Church.  
**This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

**The Peace**

*The peace is introduced*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**Hymn:**

**Preparation of the Table**

**Yours, Lord,**

**is the greatness, the power,**

**the glory, the splendour,**

**and the majesty;**

**for everything in heaven**

**and on earth is yours.**

**All things come from you,**

**and of your own do we give you.**

*The table is prepared*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,

your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son

to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home

to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven’s song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,

yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup

we celebrate the cross

on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again

and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now

that by these gifts we may feed on Christ

with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food

offer ourselves to live for you

and be welcomed at your feast in heaven

where all creation worships you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever.** **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us,

so we pray:

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread   
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

God’s holy gifts

for God’s holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**Dismissal**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds   
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace

to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**