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27th September 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

9am Matins

HYMN: TIS447 “Lord, Your Almighty Word”

<https://youtu.be/4-wKX8S3C0k>

**Lord, your almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to give
Those who in darkness live
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Now to all humankind
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving holy dove,
Speed forth your flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide,
Let there be light.**

Note:

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You may like to minimise your browser (playing YouTube link) to make the screen smaller, so you can then refer to the words here on the service order while listening to the song.

*Words: John Marriott 1780-1825
Music: Adapted from Felice Giardini 1716-96*

**WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION**

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will tell of your praise.

O God, deliver me.

O Lord, be quick to help me.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forevermore.
Amen. Hallelujah!

SENTENCES OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,
For he is our maker.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

1 O come, let us sing to the *Lord*,
let us shout aloud to the rock of *our* salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
let us shout aloud to *him* with songs of praise.

3 For the Lord is a great *God*,
and a great King *above* all gods.

4 In his hands are the depths of the *earth*;
the heights of the mountains are *his* also.

5 The sea is his, for he *made* it,
and his hands *formed* the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow *down*,
let us kneel before the *Lord*, our maker.

7 For he is our *God*,
and we are the people of his pasture, *and the *sheep* in his care.

Glory to the Father and the *Son*
and the *Holy Spirit*,
as it was in the beginning, is *now*,
and will be forevermore. Amen.

O come, let us worship the *Lord*, for *he* is our maker.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Merciful God,
give us the same attitude as Jesus,
who emptied himself
and was obedient to you
all the way to his death on the cross.
Make us eager to put others before ourselves,
and their needs before our own.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

THEME OF THE DAY: Romans 8:31 – 38
“Love changes everything!”

READINGS

The *first* reading is written [Ezekiel 18:1 – 4, 25 – 32](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The *second* reading is written in [Romans 8:31 – 39](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The gospel reading is written in [Matthew 21:23 – 32](#)

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE FOR ROMANS 8:31 – 39

- * Focus: On parent's love for children, and God's love for us
- * Do you think that your mum loves you?
Do you think that your dad loves you?
- * How do know that they love you?
How do they show you that they love you?
N.b. The five Love Languages:
 - Words of Affirmation
 - Quality time
 - Touch
 - Gifts
 - Acts of Service
- * Who else loves you? God (point upwards)
How do we know that God loves us? Through Jesus, God's Son
become a human being:
 - Through what he told us about God
 - Through His acts of love (n.b. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, John 14:9; Col. 1:15)
 - Through His death on the cross for us.

CHILDRENS SONG

“The Chooky and Her Chickies”

by Colin Buchanan

<https://youtu.be/m7lvi9hxc8M?t=21>

RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,

that I may walk in your truth.

Glory to the Father and the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

HYMN: LH391 “The King of love my shepherd is”

<https://youtu.be/MwqahDvURsQ>

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)
Music J B Dykes 1823-1876 (1868)*

SONG: “Love changes everything”
by Michael Ball on YouTube
<https://youtu.be/WnOQ1VV3CqU>

SERMON: Romans 8:31 – 38
“Love changes everything!”

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the sermon on YouTube

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts
and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

HYMN: LHS793 “To God be the glory”

<https://youtu.be/-15v9iworAU>

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in!**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory,
great things he has done!***

**O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives:**

**Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:**

*Words: Frances Jane van Alstyne
Music: William Howard Doane*

OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

God has called us to adopt the servant attitude of Jesus Christ. Let us be concerned not only about our own interests, but value the interests of others, praying to God our Father in Jesus' name.

The regular response, OR:

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, that it may take the form of a slave
- * for the mission of God's word, that it may go out to the whole earth
- * for all in government, that God would give his wisdom to those who serve in public office
- * for leaders in all areas of public service (eg health, education, trade unions, the media), that God would inspire them to be servants to the community
- * for all parents, that they may show equal and generous love for their children
- * for brothers and sisters, that they may live in peace with one another

Concluding prayer

Father, your Son taught us that we will receive whatever we pray for in faith. Hear our prayer, and satisfy the desires of our hearts, as we pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others.

Have mercy on us.

In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD FORGIVES

God has shown mercy to you. He gave His only Son to die for you. God has forgiven your sins. For Jesus' sake, He has washed you clean and made your hearts pure. May God's peace be with you always.

Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all

Amen.

HYMN: LH456 “Praise my soul the King of heaven”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KEKIQyAad0>

**Praise, my soul,
the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore, His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious is His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1793 – 1847

Based on Psalm 103

Music: John Goss 1800-80