

**St Mary Magdalene with St Martin**  
**September 27th 2026 Morning Prayer**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Before the service**

**Song: Jesus, name above all names**

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It is  
**God**  
← who →  
**WORKS**  
**IN YOU**  
to **WILL**  
e **ACT**  
to  
in **order**  
to  
**fulfill**  
**HIS GOOD**  
**PURPOSE**

Philippians 2:13

## Greeting

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The minister may say:*

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.

Song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him

*Chorus*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Opening our hearts to Him  
Singing alleluia! alleluia!  
Jesus is our King!*

1

Create in us, O God  
A humble heart that sets  
us free  
To proclaim the  
wondrous majesty  
Of our Father in heaven

3

Let kindred voices join  
Honouring the Lamb of God  
Who teaches us by  
bread and wine  
The mystery of His body

2

We bear the name of  
Christ Justified,  
we meet with Him  
His words and presence  
calm our fear  
Revealing God  
our Father here

4

Pour out Your Spirit on us  
Empowering us to live as one  
To carry Your  
redeeming love  
To a world enslaved by sin

## **Confession**

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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us  
from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Forgiveness**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you most  
humble and hearty thanks for all your  
goodness and loving kindness to us and all  
humankind.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love in  
the redemption of the world by our Lord  
Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and the  
hope of glory.**

**Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your  
mercies that our hearts may be sincerely  
thankful, so that we may show forth your  
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
and by walking before you in holiness and  
righteousness all our days; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the  
Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever  
and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Song: Jesus shall take the highest honour**

Jesus shall take the highest honour,  
Jesus shall take the highest praise;  
let all earth join heav'n in exalting  
the Name which is above all other names.

Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,  
for at his name ev'ry knee must bow.  
Let ev'ry tongue confess  
he is Christ, God's only Son,  
Sov'reign Lord, we give you glory now.

For all honour and blessing and power  
belongs to you, belongs to you.  
All honour and blessing and power  
belongs to you, belongs to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Scripture Readings

### Philippians 2: 1-13

#### Imitating Christ's Humility

<sup>1</sup> If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Shining as Lights in the World

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own

salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Matthew 21:23-32**

### **The Authority of Jesus Questioned**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?”’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.’

### **The Parable of the Two Sons**

<sup>28</sup> ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.”’ <sup>29</sup> He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are

going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe 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, died, and was  
buried; he descended to the dead. On the  
third day he rose again; he ascended into  
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and he will come 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.**

## **Intercessions**



**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.  
Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*As our Saviour has 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.**

## **Notices.**

## Song: Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World,  
shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth  
you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your  
awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may  
enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume  
all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here may  
our lives tell your story.  
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## **THE CONCLUSION**

*The formal ending may be used.*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us and give us his peace.  
**Amen.**

