

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 12th October 2025



Collect

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 the last
to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading (2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c)

A reading from the Second Book of the Kings.
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of
Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his
master, because by him the LORD had given victory
to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior,
suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of
their raids had taken a young girl captive from the
land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She
said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the
prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his

leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he
tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or
life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man
of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to
pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of
God heard that the king of Israel had torn his
clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have
you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he
may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So
Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and
halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent
a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan
seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and
you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and
went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would
surely come out, and stand and call on the name of
the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over
the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and
Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the
waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be
clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his
servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the
prophet had commanded you to do something
difficult, would you not have done it? How much
more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be
clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself
seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of
the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh
of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned
to the man of God, he and all his company; he came
and stood before him and said, "Now I know that
there is no God in all the earth except in Israel;
please accept a present from your servant." But he
said, "As the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will accept
nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused.
Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-
loads of earth be given to your servant; for your
servant will no longer offer burnt offering or
sacrifice to any god except the LORD.

The Psalm (Psalm 111)

Response: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
In the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord,
To be pondered by all who love him. R

Majestic and glorious is his work,
His justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love. R

He gives food to those who fear Him;
Keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown might to his people
By giving them the lands of the nations. R

Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-15)

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.
Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
No one serving in the army gets entangled in
everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the
enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no
one is crowned without competing according to the
rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought
to have the first share of the crops. Think over what
I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all
things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the
dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel, for
which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being
chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not
chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake
of the elect, so that they may also obtain the
salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will
also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign
with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we
are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot
deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them
before God that they are to avoid wrangling over
words, which does no good but only ruins those
who are listening. Do your best to present yourself
to God as one approved by him, a worker who has
no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word
of truth.

Gospel Reading (Luke 17:11-19)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through
the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he
entered a village, ten lepers approached him.
Keeping their distance, they called out, saying,
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw
them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to
the priests." And as they went, they were made
clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked
him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked,
"Were not ten made clean? But the other nine,
where are they? Was none of them found to return
and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then
he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your
faith has made you well."

Post Communion

Lord, we pray thee 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.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila
Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier,
Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie
Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug
Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan
Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira
Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini,
Tommy Naylor, Shirley, Stephen Winfield, Paul
Johnson

Among the departed:

Ellen Palmer

Anniversaries of Death:

Louisa Wilson, Ron Taylor, Walter Bailey,
William Yeomanson, Miriam Davies, Elizabeth Seery,
Mary Porterhouse, Charles Rosaman, Ann Harris,
Mary Hillier, Louisa Forward

In our parish:

We pray for Central Street, Macclesfield House and
Kido Nursery

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful
resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel
and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those
conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday

Open Church: 10am-1pm
11-12am Study Group
12.30pm Mass

Sunday 19th Oct

18th Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up
over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone
welcome!