

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

27th September



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 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.

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Exodus 17: 1-7

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Philippians 2: 1-13

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence,
but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and
trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his
good purpose.

Matthew 21: 23-32

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and
the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?”
they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by
what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from?
Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask,
‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of
the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

¹ My people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

³ things we have heard and known,

things our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants;

we will tell the next generation

the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,

his power, and the wonders he has done.

¹² He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors

in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

¹³ He divided the sea and led them through;

he made the water stand up like a wall.

¹⁴ He guided them with the cloud by day

and with light from the fire all night.

- ¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;
- ¹⁶ he brought streams out of a rocky crag
and made water flow down like rivers.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Proclamation	From heaven you came helpless babe	195
Kyrie		
Gloria		
Gradual	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds	297
Offertory	All my hope on God is founded	19
Communion	Lord Jesus, think on me	412
Recessional	Tell out, my soul	631

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There is a service of Compline on Wednesday the 30th September 2026 @ 9.30pm.

The Zoom link is Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495

Passcode: 464983

Harvest supper

Make a note in your diaries that there will be a Harvest Supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 3rd October at 5pm. If you would like to come please add your name to the sign-up sheet by the end of the service today.

The wisdom of the old

The course starts at 10am on Monday 5th October at St Michael & All Angels church. Each session lasts for around 70 minutes and will explore from a biblical viewpoint the wisdom that those of riper years hold. Each session will also ask what these insights might mean for the ways in which we practice being a church as well as leading our lives in the world.

PCC meeting

The next PCC meeting will be Sunday 4th October after the morning's service. PCC members please pick up the paperwork bundle before you leave this morning.

Birmingham City Mission Food Bank

We have received a message from BCM Food Bank to say that they are running low on food stocks. If you can over any dried or canned food items over the next couple of weeks there will be a box available to leave donations in. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating harvest festival next Sunday. During the service a collection of dried and tinned food products will be taken to support the work of Birmingham City Food Bank. If you can offer any items, please bring them to church with you.

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

Strengthen our resolve blessed Lord to work together to proclaim boldly the unity and the good news of your Kingdom to the people you call us to serve.

Saint Cyprian's church

Thank you, Lord, for enabling us to keep the Memorial Hall open for bookings. May community groups be inspired to find a hospitable base at the hall.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Help all who attend our church to work together to achieve those things that are needed, fundraising for the roof, encouraging the youths of the area to give the new youth group a trial, and all our fundraising activities.

Saint Mary's church

Help all who attend our church to work together to achieve those things that are needed, fundraising for the roof, encouraging the youths of the area to give the new youth group a trial, and all our fundraising activities.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Alan Clarke, David Mead, Paul Shaw, Alan, Ronnie Allen, Beatie, Zoe, Ollie, Alan Clarke and Stan Brown.

We remember those who have died in faith... Margaret Smith, Richard Allett and Michael Baxter **and for those whose yearning is in September...** Alice Ryder, Caroline Briggs, Betty Saunders, Mabel Saunders, Colin Bentley and Linda Partridge,