**Morning Prayer on The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 12th October 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

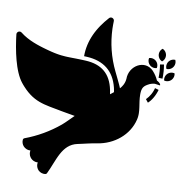
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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

We humbly gather in God’s presence,  
our creator, redeemer and sustainer.  
We thank you, God, for the breath that sustains us  
and the community that surrounds us.  
Let us come and worship you with hearts thankful  
for all your blessings to us.  
**Amen.**

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The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **A prayer of confession**

 Heavenly Father, we confess that we enchain ourselves  
with worries and fears, cares and concerns.  
Our mindsets become manacles that hinder us from serving you.  
We drag ourselves through days instead of  
casting our cares on you.  
We look to you as we shrug off the chains that bind us,  
and we recommit to living life in the fullness  
of the glorious freedom won for us by Jesus.  
**Amen.**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

Your forgiveness loosens our chains, O God.  
The burden of guilt that had us bound falls away;  
we are free to love and serve, as your unchained children.  
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

**8**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, **9**for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. **10**Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

**11**Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,  
    we will also live with him;  
**12**if we endure,  
    we will also reign with him.  
If we disown him,  
    he will also disown us;  
**13**if we are faithless,  
    he remains faithful,  
    for he cannot disown himself.

**14**Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. **15**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 111

**1**Praise the Lord.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%20111&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15795b)]

I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
    in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**2**Great are the works of the Lord;  
    they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
**3**Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
    and his righteousness endures forever.  
**4**He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
    the Lord is gracious and compassionate.  
**5**He provides food for those who fear him;  
    he remembers his covenant forever.

**6**He has shown his people the power of his works,  
    giving them the lands of other nations.  
**7**The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
    all his precepts are trustworthy.  
**8**They are established for ever and ever,  
    enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.  
**9**He provided redemption for his people;  
    he ordained his covenant forever—  
    holy and awesome is his name.

**10**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
    all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
    To him belongs eternal praise.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now   
and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 17: 11-19

**11**Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. **12**As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke%2017&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25664b)] met him. They stood at a distance **13**and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

**14**When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

**15**One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. **16**He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

**17**Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? **18**Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” **19**Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

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**Intercessions**

God of peace, we remember the events of two years ago that brought about the war in the Middle East, the destruction of Gaza, the thousands of lost lives in Palestine and Israel, and the imprisonment and death of hostages. We keep in mind the people of Ukraine who continue to face occupation and conflict. We look in confusion and despair at the images of suffering and desperation that fill our news, and we see no human end. We pray for those leading negotiations for peace, we pray that those homeless wandering would find rest and shelter, and those mourning or in despair to find some comfort. God of peace, we hand this to you as we are powerless, and we know you bring a good future.

God brings freedom, hope and peace.  
**God’s word is not chained.**

God of justice, we pray for all those who are given power or elected to powerful positions, and we think of our own country and our political leaders. We pray for a sense of calm and balance in all that they say and do, and for compassion in policies and attitudes. We ask that they would have the wisdom and grace to use words that bring unity rather than division, and words of love and care for others rather than of selfishness and unnecessary fear. We pray for words of honesty and truth to be at the centre of reporting, and that all would be free to live in peace and safety. God of justice, we hand this to you as we are powerless, and we know you bring grace and fairness.

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God of hope, you have called us to be part of your community here, and to bring hope into the lives of others. We think of those who serve us in our church, including the leaders who teach and lead us in worship, the practical people who make things happen and do the unseen work, and all the people who serve quietly without anyone really noticing. We pray for those who serve us in our schools, colleges, shops, surgeries and all other places that build this area. We ask that you would show each of us and us as a fellowship of believers what we can do to bring your light and hope to others. We pray for those who are lost in illness.That healing will find them, in whatever shape that is. We pray for those who tread the path of sorrow,  
mourning those they have loved and lost. (prayer list)

God of hope, on our own we are powerless, but with you we know we can be people of hope.

God brings freedom, hope and peace.  
**God’s word is not chained.**

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **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.**

**Blessing:**

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen us in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill our hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always. **Amen**

Go with the love and power of God,  
to be the best that you can be  
and to be God’s faithful servant in the weeks ahead.  
**Amen.**

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**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 13 November at Calverleigh Court, 12.30pm. Please let the office know if you will be able to join us and if you need transport.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 3 November at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Genesis 1-11.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office on 07733949295. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Contacting Church Office.**

Email: [office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org](mailto:office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org)

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