

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
*'Hearts are restless till they find their rest in
God'*



The Gathering

THE GREETING

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our
Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

A HYMN may be sung

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

Hope in God,
for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Ps. 42:1-2, 5

PRAYER

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

We have gathered here to worship God,
but are conscious of our unworthiness to
do so. Jesus challenged the hypocrisy of
people who 'honour God with their lips but
their hearts are far from him.'

(Mark 7:6)

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God, in
penitence and faith:

When we devote much attention to
satisfying our bodies but little to satisfying
our souls ...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we like to be regarded as followers
of Jesus but avoid making any sacrifices for
him ...

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

When we say we love God but fail to care
for our brothers and sisters in need ...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The GLORIA, the VENITE, a SONG or RESPONSES may be used

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... (silent prayer)

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers

INTERCESSIONS

(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)

Father God, we pray for the world, starved of compassion and forgiveness ...

Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

For the Church, whose witness is often weakened by disunity ... We pray for bishop Libby, and all ministers and people, that our life together may bring honour to Christ. Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

For all situations of violence, hostility and racial prejudice ... We pray for our leaders, and for peace and justice between all peoples. Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

For all families struggling in the face of poverty, disadvantage or disability ... We pray that they will have encouragement and support to find a way through their troubles. Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

For the lonely and the isolated, the rejected and the long-term unemployed ... We pray that we will not forget them. Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

For those who have died, especially ... We pray for their loved ones left behind that comfort and hope will lessen their sorrows. Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

For all who are burdened by worry, ill-health or pain ... We pray that they will know relief and healing, through those who care. Father, hear our prayer
and grant us your Spirit.

We remember with joy your unfailing love, and pray that we may show our thanks not only with our lips but in our lives.
Hear, O Lord, and answer all our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A HYMN may be sung

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you, intellect to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, a vision to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you.
Amen

THE BLESSING or THE GRACE is said