

OOS 27th September 2026 – Trinity 17 - HC

WELCOME

Good morning, and welcome to Christ Church Lille...

We keep a moment of silence, placing ourselves in God's presence

(Silence)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(All): Amen.

A CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship because we love God.

All creation praises God's goodness and love.

We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world.

Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn:#

Invitation to Confession – *please be seated*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

(All) God of mercy,

we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,**

and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,

forgive us for all that is past,

and help us to live each day

in the light of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Absolution

May God our Father forgive you your sins

and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,

where dust and ashes have no dominion. **(All) Amen.**

The 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.

Prayer for Ldr's & children before leaving for Sunday Club.

The First Reading – Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–32 (NRSVUE) - Read by Rosemary

Individual Retribution

18 The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32 Please stand if you are able (Read by Revd Elisabeth Dean)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(All) Glory to you, O Lord.

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³When 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?” ²⁴Jesus 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. ²⁵Did 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?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So 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

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹Which 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. ³²For 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 Gospel of the Lord.

(All) Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily – Rev. Elisabeth Dean

The Nicene Creed – *Please stand if you are able*

**(All) We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessory Prayer – *Please be seated.*

Let us pray to the God who delights in all that he has made, whose mercy is without measure, and who calls us to live in peace with one another and with all creation.

God our Creator,

We give thanks for the beauty and richness of the world you have entrusted to us.
Forgive us for the times when we have taken more than we need,
wasted what you have given,
or forgotten that we are part of the web of your creation.
Give us wisdom to make better choices,
and courage to care for the earth and all who share it.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mercy and new beginnings,

You call us to turn from what is wrong
and choose the way of life.

We pray for those who are struggling,
for those who have made mistakes,
and for those who feel that it is too late to begin again.
Help us not simply to speak of love and justice,
but to put our faith into action
through the choices we make and the way we treat others.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of justice and peace,

We pray for our world and for all who carry responsibility for others.
Where there is conflict, bring peace.
Where there is injustice, bring courage to challenge it.
Where there is poverty or hunger, move us to share what we have.
Help us to be people whose actions speak as clearly as our words,
and who seek the good of all your children.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope,

Help us to remember that your invitation to new life
is given to each one of us.
Give us willing hearts,
ready to listen to your voice
and ready to put our faith into action.
May our lives, our church and our care for your creation
reflect your love and generosity.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Amen.

Merciful father,

**(All) Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace - Please stand

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

(All) and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All who are baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament.

If you are not baptised you are welcome to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides or crossed across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please raise your hand if this is your preference.

Offertory Hymn: #

The Prayer of Preparation – Please remain standing if you are able

In thanksgiving for God's graciousness and blessings,
we return to God a portion of what we have received.

(All) Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer G

The Lord be with you

(All) and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

(All) We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(All) It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**(All) Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please be seated

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced as people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled

your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death

he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,

he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper; taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

(All) Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

(All) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language,
the prayer that Jesus taught us.

(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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**(All) Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is said

**(All) Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**(All) Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion - *Silence is kept.*

Lord, we pray 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.

Notices:

Closing Hymn: The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Dismissal

Blessing

Go into God's good creation
praying that the Spirit will open our minds to receive truth,
open our hearts to seek peace,
and strengthen our bodies to work for justice.
Let the Spirit guide you in ways of love and justice,
to walk lightly and humbly and seek truth, reconciliation, healing, and wholeness.
And may the blessing of Creator, Christ and Spirit rest upon you this day and every day.
(All) Amen.

Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord
(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.