

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Father’s Day**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Sanctuary Sunday**

#### **Welcome and Notices**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Lord, speak to us  
**that we may hear your word.**

Move among us  
**that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers  
**that we may learn to trust you.**  
**Amen.**

#### **Explanation of Sanctuary Sunday**

Today is Sanctuary Sunday (also called Refugee Sunday), a day when churches around the world remember and pray for refugees and displaced people. The UN estimates there are over 110 million displaced people around the globe, the highest number in human history. Behind that unthinkable large number are human stories: stories of individual people forced from their homes by war, disasters, and persecution.

On Sanctuary Sunday we look to the Scriptures and reflect on how our faith calls us to respond to the needs of refugees, both around the world and living in our communities.

The Bible is full of stories of people on the move. Joseph offered his father and brothers sanctuary in Egypt when their homeland was ravaged by famine, then 400 years later Moses lead that same people out of Egypt to freedom and a new land. Ruth left her home as a penniless widow and worked as a migrant labourer in Bethlehem. And of course, Mary and Joseph fled the violent persecution of Herod, seeking asylum once more in Egypt. Throughout all these stories we see a God who cares for the exile and the stranger.

#### **Opening Sentences of Scripture Leviticus 19: 34 (ESV)**

You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

**Amen**

## **Video of “Home” by Warsan Shire**

### **Collect for Purity:**

**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.**

### **Confession:**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

### *Silence*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

### **We receive God’s forgiveness:**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from *our* sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed be the Lord,

**who has heard the voice of our prayer.**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**and in our song will we praise our God.**

*Psalm 28.7,9*

**Old Testament: Genesis 21: 8-21**      (*Jane Smart*)

*Hagar and Ishmael sent away*

<sup>8</sup> The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, <sup>10</sup> and she said to Abraham, 'Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.'

<sup>11</sup> The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to him, 'Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. <sup>13</sup> I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.'

<sup>14</sup> Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went off and sat down about a bow-shot away, for she thought, 'I cannot watch the boy die.' And as she sat there, she began to sob.

<sup>17</sup> God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, 'What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. <sup>18</sup> Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.'

<sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. <sup>21</sup> While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Song:      Here I am to worship**

Light of the world  
you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days  
oh, so highly exalted  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came  
to the earth you created  
all for love's sake became poor.

*So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me*

I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.

*So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew: 10:24-39** (*Jane Smart*)

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> ‘The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> ‘So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> ‘Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> ‘Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –

<sup>36</sup> a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> ‘Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Talk** (*Lindsey*)

**Declaring our Faith:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Intercessions**    *(Joyce )*

***Responses***

Lord, in your mercy:  
**Hear our Prayer**

Merciful Father:  
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Collect for Third Sunday after Trinity:**

**God our Saviour,  
Look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ  
Amen.**

**The Peace**

Above all virtues, put love.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the peace.

**Offertory Song:        Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord;  
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord;  
Jesus is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!**

**Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;  
worthy is the Lord God almighty.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;  
worthy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come!  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.**

**Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord..**

Unknown.

**Offertory Prayer:        (Lindsey)**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you. Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer:**   *(Lindsey)*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and 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.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,        sung  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we **sing**

**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.**

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

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

### **Music during communion**

#### **Post Communion Prayer:**

**O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**Sharing Time:** *(Lindsey)*

#### **Prayer for Father's Day**

Thank you, God,  
for all who show a father's love in our world.  
Thank you for those who are special to us.  
Be close to those who are sad today.  
Help us know that you, our Father, are always close.  
In Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: Jesus is Lord**

*(during which a gift to father's to distributed)*

**Jesus is Lord!  
Creation's voice proclaims it  
For by his power each tree and flower  
Was planned and made  
Jesus is Lord!  
The universe declares it  
Sun, moon and stars in heaven  
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'**

***Jesus is Lord!***  
***Jesus is Lord!***  
***Praise him with hallelujahs***  
***For Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord!**  
**Yet from his throne eternal**  
**In flesh he came to die in pain**  
**On Calvary's tree**  
**Jesus is Lord!**  
**From him all life proceeding**  
**Yet gave his life a ransom**  
**Thus setting us free**

***Jesus is Lord!***  
***Jesus is Lord!***  
***Praise him with hallelujahs***  
***For Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord!**  
**O'er sin the mighty conqueror**  
**From death he rose, and all his foes**  
**Shall own his name**  
**Jesus is Lord!**  
**God sent his Holy Spirit**  
**To show by works of power**  
**That Jesus is Lord!**

***Jesus is Lord!***  
***Jesus is Lord!***  
***Praise him with hallelujahs***  
***For Jesus is Lord!***

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**Blessing:**

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,  
give you a spirit of unity  
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,  
so that with one voice

you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ, Amen**