

Sunday 6th September 2026 – Informal Communion

14th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome and Notices

Opening prayer:

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Opening Song: O for a thousand tongues to sing.

(instrumental)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his Grace!
The triumphs of his Grace!
The triumphs of his Grace!**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
That bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
'tis life, and health, and peace.
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.
His blood availed for me.
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,**

**The humble poor believe.
The humble poor believe.
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
And leap, ye lame, for joy.**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of thy name.
The honours of thy name.
The honours of thy name.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us come to him in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

(Silence)

**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.**

We receive God's forgiveness:

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life, in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song: When I survey the wondrous cross.

(instrumental)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748).

Reading: Matthew 18 v 15-20 *(Andrew)*

Dealing With Sin in the Church

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Talk: Lindsey.

Declaring our Faith:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family on earth is named.**

**We believe in God, the Son, Jesus,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in on God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions: *(Marion)*

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 the 14th Sunday after Trinity:

**Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us
a new a living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 forever. Amen.**

The Peace

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name’ says the Lord.
‘there I am in the midst of them’.

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 Take my life, and let it be

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 forever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

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.**

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

Song during Communion: Behold the Lamb (*quietly*)

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.**

***So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.***

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.**

***So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.***

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.**

***So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.***

**And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ**

As his body here on earth.

**As we share in his suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.**

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Prayer after Communion

**Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Sharing Time

Final Song To God be the glory

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory; great things he hath done.***

**Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;***

***Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory; great things he hath done.***

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship when Jesus we see.**

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory; great things he hath done. (repeat chorus)***

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
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.

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