

Third Sunday after Trinity

21st June 2026

Collect

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.

First Reading (Jeremiah 20.7-13)

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.
O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm (Psalm 69)



Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails. **R**

Save me from the waters of the deep
lest the waves overwhelm me.
Do not let the deep engulf me
nor death close its mouth on me. **R**

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly for I am in distress. **R**

Second Reading (Romans 6.1b-11)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may
abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin
go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who
have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized
into his death? Therefore we have been buried with
him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ
was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like
his, we will certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. We know that our old self was
crucified with him so that the body of sin might be
destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to
sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we
have died with Christ, we believe that we will also
live with him. We know that Christ, being raised
from the dead, will never die again; death no longer
has dominion over him. The death he died, he died
to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to
God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to
sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel (John 9.35-10.8)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post Communion

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.

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw, Stephen Green, Riva Hodges, Sarah

Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-Yankah, Martha de Graft-Johnson, Josea Cabey, Ian Isaacs, William Flynn, Ashton Lacken

Among the departed: David Wilkinson

Anniversaries of Death: Emma Keer, Jane Esther Brown, Edward Alphonse Bell, Mary Ann Osborn, Bertie John Matthews

In our parish: We pray for Lizard Street, Bartholomew Square and Cope House

In the wider world: We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday 4th Sunday after Trinity
Sung Mass 10.30am

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!



Helping Hands

Can you come and help ?

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Setting up tables with service books and refreshments



... and Meet and Greet



Welcome

Serving Refreshments



Washing up and put away hymn books etc...

If you can help, please speak to the clergy
or churchwardens