

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

26th July 2026



Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Genesis 29: 15-28

15 Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. 18 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

19 Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

22 So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. 23 But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. 24 And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

26 Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. 27 Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

28 And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Romans 8: 26-end

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” 44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Proclamation	Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	70
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	It is a thing most wonderful	333
Offertory	O Lord of heaven, and earth and sea	Sheet
Communion	God is working his purpose out	221
Recessional	Thine be the glory	672

Notices

Safeguarding

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Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the **29th July 2026 @ 9.30pm**.
The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Cream Tea

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the cream tea last Saturday.

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

Thank you, Lord, for the developing community links. We pray for your peace to be known in and through all the work that Cygnets Cedars assisted living deliver.

Saint Cyprian's church

Help us Lord to settle quickly into a new worshipping life within the Memorial Hall, knowing that you are with us.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Open to us we pray, a way of refurbishing the kitchen this summer.

Saint Mary's church

Thank you for all that has been provided for us, give us time to enjoy your world and help all to protect it in every way we can.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

David Mead, Paul Shaw, Alan, Ronnie Allen, Zoe and Ollie.

We remember those who have died in faith... David Westwood and for those whose years mind is in July... Lizzie Pipe, Ellen Saunders, Lesley Loxton, George Thorpe, Alice Airey, Terry Spalding, Sarah Edge, Roy Burton

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea

1. O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,
to thee all praise and glory be;
how shall we show our love to thee
who givest all?

2. The golden sunshine, sweet spring air,
sweet flowers and fruit, thy love declare;
where harvests ripen thou art there,
who givest all.

3. For peaceful homes and healthful days,
for all the blessings earth displays,
we owe thee thankfulness and praise,
who givest all.

4. Thou didst not spare thine only Son,
but gav'st him for a world undone
and freely with that Blessed One
thou givest all.

5. Thou giv'st the Spirit's blessed dower,
Spirit of life and love and power,
and dost thy sevenfold graces shower
upon us all.

6. For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
for means of grace and hopes of heaven,
O Lord, what can to thee be given,
who givest all,

7. to thee from whom we all derive
our life, our gifts, our power to give?
Oh may we ever with thee live,
who givest all.

