

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

5th July 2026



Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-end

³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶ My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. ³⁷ And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, ³⁸ but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'

⁴² "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. ⁴³ See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar," ⁴⁴ and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

⁴⁶ "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

⁴⁷ "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?'

"She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.'

"Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, ⁴⁸ and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.

⁴⁹ Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."

⁵⁸ So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?"

"I will go," she said.

⁵⁹ So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you increase
to thousands upon thousands;
may your offspring possess
the cities of their enemies.”

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. ⁶³ He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. ⁶⁴ Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel ⁶⁵ and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?”

“He is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶ Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. ⁶⁷ Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Romans 7: 15-25a

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ ““We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Proclamation	Be still and know that I am God	66
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Great is thy faithfulness	249
Offertory	Just as I am, without one plea	374
Communion	Jerusalem	33
Recessional	Be thou my vision	70

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

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 **8th July 2026 @ 9.30pm**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the collection for Christian Aid. We collected £68.75 within church which is fantastic; a mark of your generosity.

Cordoned off area

Please don't walk within the area that is cordoned off in church.

Summer cream tea

Please make a note of the time, date and venue as your formal invitation will arrive in due course. This year's cream tea will be on Saturday 25th July 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Vicarage.

PCC meeting

After the service this morning.

Swan group service

There will be a Swan Group service at 4pm on Sunday 19th July at St Michael & All Angels church.

Clearing the Vestry

Can you help clear the Vestry? Please let Jeanne and Phil know if you can. There's lots to be thrown away.

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

As we commit ourselves to be part of Birmingham Heritage Week this year we thank you Lord for the wonderful church building that has been cared for over the years. Strengthen us to play our part in the restoration that needs completing today.

Saint Cyprian's church

Help us Lord to settle quickly into a new worshipping life within the Memorial Hall.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Thank you, gracious Lord, for the refurbishment work that we are beginning on the hall kitchen. May those who come to strip out and rebuild be touched by your loving presence.

Saint Mary's church

Thank you Lord for all the blessing that we have received, the new ventures building in this place, and for all preparing for their confirmation next week, Keep them faithful and understanding this new step in their lives. Help us to keep them in our prayers and thoughts at this special time.

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... Pauline Williams, Mark Platt and James Coatsworth 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