

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

23rd August 2026



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Exodus 1: 8- 2:10

⁸ Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labour the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket^[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Romans 12: 1-8

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Matthew 16: 13-20

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Psalm 124

A song of ascents. Of David.

- ¹ If the Lord had not been on our side—
let Israel say—
- ² if the Lord had not been on our side
when people attacked us,
- ³ they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;
- ⁴ the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
- ⁵ the raging waters
would have swept us away.
- ⁶ Praise be to the Lord,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
- ⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.
- ⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Proclamation	Christ triumphant, ever reigning	104
Kyrie		
Gloria		
Gradual	He's got the whole world in his hands	Sheet
Offertory	Through all the changing scenes of life	686
Communion	God is working his purpose out	221
Recessional	Christ is made the sure foundation	97

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 **26th August 2026 @ 9.30pm**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Meal out

We are planning to organise a lunch out at a pub on Monday 7th September at 12pm. If this date doesn't work for you, please let Alex know.

Harvest supper

Make a note in your diaries that there will be a Harvest Supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 3rd October at 5pm. If you would like to come please add your name to the sign up sheet.

The wisdom of the old

There will be a bible course every Monday morning in October focusing on the wisdom and value offered by those of riper years. More details will follow in due course.

PCC meeting

The next PCC meeting will be Sunday 4th October after the morning's service.

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

May all those whose hearts and minds are involved in the feasibility study be touched by the stillness and prayerfulness of the church site.

Saint Cyprian's church

Establish us quickly into our worship within the Memorial Hall, opening our hearts to give our all back to you in joy and expectation.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Thank you, Lord, for the refurbishment work that is being undertaken in the kitchen. Thank you for the skill and care of those who are carrying out the work and thank you that despite our earlier expectations the kitchen is being replaced.

Saint Mary's church

Protect all during the heatwaves, may everyone be safe, as we approach Autumn and the end of the school holidays. Allow teaching staff to be refreshed from their break and ready to face a new academic year.

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, Beatie, Zoe and Ollie.

We remember those who have died in faith... David Westwood, Margaret Smith and Richard Allett **and for those whose years mind is in August...** George Thorpe, Gertrude Thorpe, Dennis Ryder, Hilda Williams, Arnold Bellamy, Dora Taylor, Rita Spalding, Muriel Burley and Maureen Mason.

He's got the whole world in his hands

*He's got the whole world, in His hand,
He's got the whole wide world, in His hand,
He's got the whole world, in His hand,
He's got the whole world, in His hand.*

1. He's got the wind and the rain, in His hand,
He's got the wind and the rain, in His hand,
He's got the wind and the rain, in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

Chorus

2. He's got the sun and the moon, in His hand,
He's got the sun and the moon, in His hand,
He's got the sun and the moon, in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

Chorus

3. He's got the plants and the creatures, in His hand,
He's got the plants and the creatures, in His hand,
He's got the plants and the creatures, in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

Chorus

4. He's got everybody here, in His hand,
He's got everybody here, in His hand,
He's got everybody here, in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

Chorus