

The second Sunday after TRINITY

14th June 2026



In the name of the + Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy, and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

HYMN

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear

It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing Treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

Prayer of Preparation

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Invitation to Confession

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins, +
open our eyes to your truth,
strengthen us to do your will
and give us the joy of knowing ourselves as your children,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A reading from the Old Testament
Exodus 19. 2-8a

19 On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. 2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. 8 The people all responded together, "We will do everything the Lord has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
 2 Know that the Lord is God;
 it is he that has made us and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
 and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*O Christ, door of the sheepfold, may we enter your gates with praise
 and go from your courts to serve you in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
 this day and all our days.*

A reading from the New Testament
 Romans 5. 1-8

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

HYMN

Ye servants of God,
 your Master proclaim,
 and publish abroad
 his wonderful Name;
 the Name all-victorious
 of Jesus extol:
 his kingdom is glorious;
 he rules over all

Salvation to God
 who sits on the throne!
 Let all cry aloud,
 and honor the Son.
 The praises of Jesus
 the angels proclaim,
 fall down on their faces,
 and worship the Lamb.

God ruleth on high,
 almighty to save;
 and still he is nigh:
 his presence we have.
 The great congregation
 his triumph shall sing,
 ascribing salvation
 to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore,
 and give him his right:
 All glory and power,
 all wisdom and might,
 all honor and blessing,
 with angels above,
 and thanks never ceasing
 and infinite love

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel is from the 9th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew beginning at the 35th verse.

Glory to you O Lord

The Workers Are Few

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,^[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

⁹ "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— ¹⁰ no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who

stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Reflection

If a leader is about to embark upon any great undertaking, the first thing that he must do is to choose his staff. On them the present effect and the future success of his work both depend. Today we hear Jesus choosing his staff, his helpers in the time he is on earth who would carry on his work when he left and returned to his glory.

Two things strike us about these men. They were very ordinary, no wealth, no academic background, no social position. Just ordinary people.

It has often been said that Jesus is looking not so much for extraordinary people but for ordinary people who can do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Sometimes we hold back because we think we do not have much to offer. But Jesus sees in us not only what we are, but also what he can make of us. What we are capable of becoming under his influence and in his power. We never need think we have nothing to offer – Jesus can do much with very little – think of the loaves and fishes!

They were also an extraordinary mixture of men. For instance, Matthew – a tax collector working for the Romans and Simon the zealot – a terrorist, fiercely nationalistic – in other circumstances might have murdered Matthew.

There is a truth here we must not miss. Even in the church there will be people with whom may disagree over many things or dislike their personality, but we can learn to love each other when we both love Christ. Imagine you and they standing before Christ who looks at you both with equal love and understanding.

This is how it is meant to be and in the presence of the Jesus it was. People brought together who without Christ were desperately separated from each other.

These simple men with no great backgrounds and from many differing spheres of belief were the foundations stones on which the church was built and is still built. All that is asked of us is the offering repeatedly, of our lives.

We can use neither youth nor age as an excuse. David was a young man who became Israel's greatest king; Abraham and Moses came into the fullness of ministry in, what we would consider, considerable old age, their 80s and 90s. Different opportunity and activity is ours according to where we are and we can never be cast aside. The young offer the energy and enthusiasm of youth. As we age, hopefully we will acquire wisdom, give encouragement and importantly prayer. Each has their place.

It may seem unlike Jesus to restrict the work to a given area and people, but Jesus was wise. He chose his men and contained them within the limit of their experience and ability at that time. The day would come when they would be seeded through the world empowered by the Holy Spirit. The church would await the inclusion of men like Paul with his abilities and scriptural knowledge, for the church to address the non-Jewish world. Lydia and Priscilla, women of status within their communities, would establish churches and teach.

God will use anyone who is willing. "Without you God will not and without God you cannot" is a quote from St. Augustine. It means that we cannot do anything without God's help and guidance. It also means that God will not do anything without our cooperation and willingness to follow his guidance. But together: 'It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.' (Ephesians 2.10)

The creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Intercessions

Saviour of the world,
be present in all places of suffering, violence, and pain,
and bring hope even in the darkest night.
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today.

Lord of the Church,
empower by your Spirit all Christian people,
and the work of your Church in every land.
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,
guide and enable all who lead and serve this community
and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.
Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.

Great Physician,
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace
to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love.

Conqueror of death,
remember for good those whom we love but see no longer.
Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

Loving Saviour,
may all creation be held within your
merciful care and protection. Amen

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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 for ever.
Amen.

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ, your Son.
Amen

Blessings and Ending

The God of all grace
Who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus
Establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Be with you and remain with you always. Amen

HYMN

All for Jesus--all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus--thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power

All for Jesus--all for Jesus--
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, her sons are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

All for Jesus--at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus--thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus--thou hast died;
all for Jesus--thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.