

**Sunday 14 June 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect:**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings for this week:**

*Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8*

God has been revealed to the chosen people on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with them, a wandering multitude. They have been brought out of Egypt for a purpose – to be a hallowed, holy, priestly nation. Through their faithful service God will reach out to the rest of the peoples of the world. The people assent to their part in this covenant and the rest of the Old Testament unrolls their continuous wanderings away from their promise. Psalm 100 offers a moment of thanksgiving; it was used when a ‘thank offering’ sacrifice was made in appreciation of God’s aid, a moment of great rejoicing in a community, celebrating God’s presence among them.

Paul is full of confidence and trust in God, which he forcefully expresses in the opening verses of Romans 5. At the same time there is hesitation – no words he can find will ever fully explain the death of Christ. Despite not being able to rationalise the logic for why a good person would die for those who were weak, ungodly, sinners, Paul knows that in Jesus it was so. Jesus’ death is not morally explainable, it is simply proof of God’s eternal, overwhelming love for us.

The good news of God’s super-abundant love is being told by Jesus in the Gospel to all he meets. Because he wants everyone to hear this news, not just those he can reach on a daily basis, he commissions his disciples to share the work with him. Telling this good news doesn’t just mean speaking. It includes bringing it to life in each community they visit, through curing and healing those in need. At this stage the focus is solely on the chosen people because, as we heard in the first reading, their purpose is to be holy in order that they might bring the rest of the nations to God. After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension this commission expands outwards to include all people, a challenge which the disciples grasp as they spread out across the world. However, it is also a commission they pass on to us: as the Church of today we are called to find the words, deeds and faith to bring the Gospel alive to our own generations.

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings for next week:**

*Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39*  
*Trinity 3*