

## ST MARK AND ALL SAINTS, READING

SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026

*Whoever you are,  
wherever you are on life's journey  
you are welcome here.*

### THE GATHERING

*All the words are in this service sheet. Please join in with the words printed in **bold type**.*

*At the start of the service a bell is rung and the procession enters as we stand to sing the opening hymn.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**New every morning is the love  
Our waking and uprising prove;  
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
Restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,  
Hover around us while we pray;  
New perils past, new sins forgiven,  
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**If on our daily course our mind  
Be set to hallow all we find,  
New treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,  
Would furnish all we ought to ask,  
Room to deny ourselves, a road  
To bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
Fit us for perfect rest above;  
And help us this and every day  
To live more nearly as we pray.**

### THE GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The priest welcomes us and introduces the theme of the service.*

### **PRAYER OF PENITENCE**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*We say together*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Knowing that we are forgiven for our sins we sing this song of praise to God.*

### **THE GLORIA**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

*Glory to God ...*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

*Glory to God ...*

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

*Glory to God ...*

*The priest invites us to pray silently and then prays the collect:*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord 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**

*Please sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Romans 6.12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural

limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL PSALM 13**

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**How long, O Lord my God, will you forget?  
How long, must I endure till you abet?  
How long shall schemes and grief invade the mind?  
How long shall foes arise to undermine?**

**Look down, my Lord, on me, my every breath.  
Look down and give me light; I sleep in death;  
lest my opponents overwhelm below,  
rejoice among themselves, and bring me low.**

**But I, I trust in you, your clemency;  
may I rejoice in you - you set me free.  
Forever I will sing to you, my Lord,  
for you have ever been my full reward.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 10.40-42

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **THE SERMON**

*A brief period of silence may follow for us to reflect on the address and the readings today, then the priest invites us to stand to declare our faith.*

## **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.  
Amen.**

*Sit or kneel to pray*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*During the prayers these or other responses may be used*

**Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.**

*And at the end of the prayers we say*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

### THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
**Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*We greet those around us in the peace of Christ, shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you"*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*As we sing a collection will be taken for  
the work of the church, Our church is a  
charity which relies on your generous gift.  
Please support our Mission and Ministry  
and keep our beautiful buildings open  
by placing your gift in the plate or scan  
to donate.*

**Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it Thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart: it is Thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee..**

*When the altar is prepared and the offerings received the president leads the offertory prayers*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread  
to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Generous God, as we gather around your table called and welcomed by Christ we present this  
money, symbol of all the gifts you give to us.  
**use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because you are the source of light and life;  
you made us in your image  
and called us to new life in him.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was  
betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*We kneel or sit as silence is kept before the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The priest invites the people to receive Communion, and says*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us your peace.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Once communion has been shared we stand when the priest invites us to pray.*

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

*We sit to listen to any notices about parish events.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Stand*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Christ, who has nourished us  
with himself the living bread,

## **THE BLESSING**

make you one in praise and love,  
and raise you up at the last day;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art.*

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim; my God, how great thou art.**