

## ST MARK AND ALL SAINTS, READING

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

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



SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2026  
NINTH AFTER TRINITY

## 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

O worship the King  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour,  
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old:  
Hath stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils

In the dew and the rain.  
Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender!  
How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might,  
Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall sing to thy praise.

## 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

The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*We say together*

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
**Amen.**

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## NOTICES

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

## THE DISMISSAL

*Stand*

## THE BLESSING

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

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

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that free us:



*Please come forward for communion promptly following the direction of the sides people. Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive at this Eucharist.*

*If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please bring this sheet with you as a sign.*

*Low Gluten bread is always available on request.*

*If you are unable to come forward please say and we will bring the Bread and Wine to you at your seat.*

*After communion we reflect silently on God's gift of grace before singing the hymn*

### COMMUNION HYMN

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All in all!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

**O send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me,  
that he may touch my eyes and make me see.  
Show me the truth made plain within your Word,  
for in your book revealed I see you, Lord.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of  
your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of 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.**

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 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.  
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.  
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. **Amen.****

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

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through 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.  
**Amen**

*Please sit*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many, are  
one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit  
we were all baptized into one body—Jews or  
Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to  
drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member  
but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am  
not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would  
not make it any less a part of the body. And if the  
ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not  
belong to the body', that would not make it any

less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **GRADUAL PSALM 145**

Austria

**God the Lord is King for ever -  
let the isles and earth rejoice,  
cloudy darkness for a cover -  
sing together with one voice:  
righteousness, eternal justice,  
firm supports beneath the throne,  
blazing fire before and after,  
his defeated foes will groan.**

**Lightning flashes through creation,  
melting ancient hills in fear,  
shaking earth to its foundation,  
as the Lord of all draws near.  
Heaven tells his righteous story -  
praise the Lord of all the earth.  
Every people sees the glory,  
all as one proclaim his worth.**

#### **THE GOSPEL**

John 6:35-44

**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 John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

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.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.'

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.*



**God the Father of creation  
source of life and energy  
Your creative love so shapes us  
that we share your liberty.  
Teach us how to use this freedom  
Loving children all to be**

**Jesus Christ our Lord and brother  
In your cross we see the way  
To be servants of each other  
Caring, suffering, every day.  
Teach us patience and obedience  
Never from your path to stray.**

**Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
To the Father and the Son  
Giver of the joy that fills us  
Yours the peace that makes us one  
Teach our hearts to be more open  
As we pray "God's will be done".**

**Members of the Saviour's body  
Here on earth his life to be  
Though we stand as different people  
May we share the unity  
Of the Father, Son and Spirit  
Perfect love in Trinity.**

*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;**