

ST MARK AND ALL SAINTS, READING

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

John 6:37



SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026
FOURTEENTH 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

**How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?**

**Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.**

**Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

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 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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

*Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness ...

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousands beside!
Great is thy faithfulness ...

Sweet Sacrament of peace.
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.
Sweet Sacrament divine.

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

God of gentleness and love
draw near to us as we draw near to you.
Dwell in every heart and conversation.
Fashion in us the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Help us to discern together
all that you are calling us to be
and all that you are calling us to do.
Assist us by your Spirit
to become a more contemplative,
more compassionate
and more courageous Church,
for the building of your kingdom
and the glory of your Son.
Amen.

NOTICES

We sit to listen to any notices about parish events.

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,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Romans 13.8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
The commandments, 'You shall not commit
adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal;
You shall not covet'; and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour
as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now
the moment for you to wake from sleep. For
salvation is nearer to us now than when we
became believers; the night is far gone, the day is
near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light; let us live
honourably as in the day, not in revelling and
drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness,

not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM 119

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**Explain your statutes, Lord, to me,
So I may guard your way.
Encourage me to know your law
Entirely day by day.**

**Escort me in the path of your
Commands I have adored.
Enthuse my heart for your decrees,
And not for violent fraud.**

**Entice my eyes from worthless things;
Revive me in your way.
Enact your promise to your slave,
So I may fear and pray.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18.15-20

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

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.

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

**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.**



*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

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.
Sweet Sacrament divine**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:**

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;**

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.



Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God;
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.

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,