

Sunday 7th June 2026: Informal Communion

1st Sunday after Trinity “*Call of Matthew & stories of healing*”

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer:

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.

Amen.

Opening Song: Come now is the time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess
You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now. *(repeat from start twice)*

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Confession:

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

**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.**

We receive God's forgiveness:

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song: Be thou my vision

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
Thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.**

**Be thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my armour, thou my true might;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my strong tower:
Raise thou me heavenward, O power, of my power.**

**Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

Reading: Matthew 9:9-13 & 18-26 *(Linda)*

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.' While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.'

Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Talk

Declaring our Faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Intercessions *(Julie)*

Responses

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our Prayer

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

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**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**

The Peace

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of the peace.

Offertory Song: King of Kings

**King of Kings, Majesty,
God of Heaven living in me,
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at your throne,**

*Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve your Majesty.*

**Earth and heaven worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to your throne.
All within me cries out in praise!**

*Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve your Majesty.*

(repeat chorus)

I live to serve your majesty

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Offertory Prayer:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Music during communion

Post Communion Prayer:

**Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Sharing Time:

Closing Hymn: Jesus be the Centre

**Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light
Jesus.**

**Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song
Jesus.**

***Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus.*** (repeat from the start)

***Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus.***

Blessing:

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen