

Morning Praise – 9th August 2026
10th Sunday after Trinity – Jesus Walks on Water

Welcome and Notices

Banns of Marriage: *(Lindsey)*

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we gather once again to offer you praise and thanksgiving for your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown clearly through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
open our eyes to recognise you here among us.
Give us courage to step out in faith to meet you,
and confidence to follow where you lead.
For you are Our God, and we are your people,
called by your name.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

Opening Responses

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Opening Song: In Christ Alone *(instrumental)*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Call to Confession

Like Peter, we often start with bold faith, but sink when we look at the size of the waves around us.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

Assurance of Pardon

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

Praise be to God!

Response song: He will hold me Fast.

**When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast**

***He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast***

**Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast**

**He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast**

***He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast***

**For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last!**

***He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast***

Ada Ruth Habershon (1861-1918)

Reading: Matthew 14 v 22-33 (Peter)

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Talk: Lindsey

Song: Wide, Wide as the Ocean

**Wide, wide as the ocean,
High as the heaven above,
Deep, deep as the deepest sea
Is my Saviour's love.
I, though so unworthy,
Still am a child of his care;
For his word teaches me
That his love reaches me everywhere. *(repeat)***

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Creed:

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family on earth and heaven is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions *(Joyce)*

Response:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 forever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness
And he anoints my head with oil
And my cup, it overflows with joy
I feast on his pure delights.

*And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

*And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home* (repeat chorus)

For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.

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Offertory Prayer:

Generous God, you hold the oceans in the palm of your hand, yet you care deeply for each one of us. Receive these gifts we offer today. Use them to bring hope to the hopeless, calm to the anxious, and the light of Christ to a dark world. In his name, we pray.
Amen

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

He speaks calm into our chaos and stilling words to our storms.
He does not give as the world gives.
His peace anchors our souls.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another as a sign of our unity in Christ.

Sharing time

Song: Crown him with many Crowns. *(instrumental)*

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear the sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,

**and all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Blessing and Dismissal *(Lindsey)*

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Brothers and sisters, of all ages, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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