

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Trinity**  
**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**

**Opening Hymn** NEH 391 King of Glory, King of Peace

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Trinity**

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.  
Rescue your people from despair,  
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,  
and preserve us all from unbelief;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Lesson** Romans 6: 1b-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 6, verses 1b to 11.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Sun 9am** Here endeth the Epistle.

**Sun 10.45** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel     Matthew 10: 24-39**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 10, verses 24 to 39.

**Sun 9am    Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Sun 10.45    Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

[Jesus was teaching his disciples:] <sup>24</sup>‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>     For I have come to set a man against his father,  
          and a daughter against her mother,  
          and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>     and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

<sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Sun 9am    Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.**

**Sun 10.45    Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
                  Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**We offer particular prayers for**

Marian, Roddy, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Alison B., Joseph, Johnny, Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

**We also include in our prayers those in our Year's Mind this week:**  
Beverley Sinton, Robert McEntire, James Stevenson, Dorothea Locker, Margaret Farago, Geraldine Campion, Dick Paxton.

**Offertory Hymn**          NEH 295    Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**Anthem**    God so Loved the World                  Stainer

**Post Communion Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Trinity**

Almighty God,  
guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery,  
and keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Closing Hymn**    NEH 420    O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end

**Readings for the day**

Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Psalm 69: 8-20; \*Romans 6: 1b-11; \*Matthew 10: 24-39

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**Readings and Music for Choral Evensong at 6.30pm**

Readings    Jeremiah 10: 1-16; Luke 8: 26-39

Responses & Lord's Prayer    Sumsion

Psalm 49

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in D    Wood

Anthem: O Gladsome Light, O Grace    Bourgeois

NEH 355    Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round    (Song 1)

NEH 252    The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended    (St Clement)