

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Trinity**  
**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**

**Opening Hymn** NEH 427 O praise ye the Lord!

**Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Trinity**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come,  
see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 55: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 55, verses 10 to 13.

- <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
- <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

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

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13, verses 1 to 9 and 18 to 23.

**Sun 9.00am      Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!'

<sup>18</sup>'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

**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.**

## *Intercessions*

### **We offer particular prayers for**

Pat W, 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 Venezuela Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

### **We also include in our prayers those in our Year's Mind this week:**

Lorna Usher, Hugo Taylor, Aubrey Gibbon, Harry Murdie, Doris Crichton

**Offertory Hymn** NEH 115 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

**Anthem** Psalm 65: 1-14 (*The Psalm of the day.*)

### **Post Communion Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Trinity**

Living God,

in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.

May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

**Closing Hymn** NEH 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

### **Readings for the day**

\*Isaiah 55: 10-13; Psalm 65: 1-14; Romans 8: 1-11; \*Matthew 13: 1-9,18-23

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