

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**The Eighth Sunday of Trinity**  
**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**

**Opening Hymn**            NEH 433    O worship the King all glorious above

**Collect for the Eighth Sunday of Trinity**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in  
truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.    **Amen**

**First Lesson**        **Romans 8: 12-25**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 12 to 25.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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

**Gospel Reading**            **Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13, verses 24 to 30 and 36 to 43.

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

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before the crowds another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup>He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup>But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup>He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with

fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**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:**  
Peggy Muir, Joyce McLaughlan, Gordon McMurdo

**Offertory Hymn** NEH 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

**Anthem** Lead me O Lord Wesley

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

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,  
may our lives be a continual offering,  
holy and acceptable in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Closing Hymn** NEH 239 Lord of all hopefulness

## **Readings for the day**

Isaiah 44: 6-8; Psalm 86: 11-17; \*Romans 8: 12-25; \*Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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