

Sunday 16th August 2026
The Twelfth Sunday of Trinity
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn CAHON 662 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 11: 1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 11, verses 1 to 2a
and 29 to 32.

¹I, [Paul,] ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself
am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of
Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, ²⁹for the
gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once
disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their
disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the
mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has
imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Epistle.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 15, verses 21 to 28.

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Pat W, Marian, Roddy, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Jenny, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Alison B., Joseph, Johnny, Alice; the family and friends of Judith Brearley, Nick Cowan, Ian Zass-Ogilvie and Archie Chisholm; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Venezuela, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran and the Gulf States, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers

Those who have died recently:

Judith Brearley, Nick Cowan, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, Archie Chisholm.

Those in our Year's Mind:

Alan Grey, Carol Wallace, Cunningham Baird

Offertory Hymn CAHON 186 For the healing of the nations

Anthem O Lord increase thy faith Loosemore

Post Communion Prayer for the Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise.

May we who have been nourished by holy things

live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn CAHON 32 And can it be

Readings for the day

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Psalm 67; *Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; *Matthew 15: 21-28

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