

Sunday 23rd August 2026
The Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn NEH 484 The Church's one foundation

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
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 12: 1-8**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 1 to 8.

¹I, [Paul,] appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Epistle.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-20

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 16, verses 13 to 20.

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

¹⁵He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Masami, 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 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:

Nick Cowan, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, Archie Chisholm.

Those in our Year's Mind:

Jonathan Farrell, Geoffrey Selman, Ivor Marshall, Hazel Macfarlane,
Kathleen Burrell, Eric Buchanan.

Offertory Hymn NEH 407 Lord, thy word abideth

Anthem Jesu, dulcis memoria T. L. de Victoria

*Jesu! The very thought is sweet, in that dear name all heart-joys meet.
But sweeter far than honey, the glimpses of thy presence are.*

Post Communion Prayer for the Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.

Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn NEH 333 All my hope on God is founded

Readings for the day

Isaiah 51: 1-6; Psalm 138; *Romans 12: 1-8; *Matthew 16: 13-20

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