

Sunday 6th September, 2026
The First Sunday in the Season of Creation
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn NEH 263 All creatures of our God and King - *Omit vv. 5, 6 (starred verses.)*

Collect for the First Sunday in The Season of Creation

God Most High, maker of heaven and earth,
you created humankind in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to human care:
give us grace to serve you faithfully,
that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson Ezekiel 33: 7-11

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel, chapter 33, verses 7 to 11.

⁷So you, mortal, I, [the LORD God,] have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the LORD God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Sun 9am Here endeth the Lesson.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18: 15-20

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 18, verses 15 to 20.

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹⁵'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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 Ian Zass-Ogilvie; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Nepal, Tibet, Venezuela, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran and the Gulf States, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers

Ian Zass-Ogilvie whose funeral is on Monday.

Those in our Year's Mind:

Norah Mann, Donald McLaren, Christine Smyth-Muir, Hamish Wotherspoon, Gordon Hutchinson, Charlotte Aldridge.

Offertory Hymn (Sheet) Come to me, lay your burdens at my feet

Anthem Teach me, O Lord Attwood
(Psalm 119: 33, from the Psalm of the day.)

Post Communion Prayer for the First Sunday of Creation

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life.

May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn NEH 475 Ye holy angels bright

Readings for the day

*Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Psalm 119: 33-40; Romans 13: 8-14; *Matthew 18: 15-20

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