

Sunday 27th September 2026
The Fourth Sunday in The Season of Creation
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn CAHON 552 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in The Season of Creation

God of our salvation,
be with us when we call upon you,
and bless us with your steadfast loving kindness:
restore in us the beauty of your creation
and keep intact the gifts you have restored,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson Philippians 2: 1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 2, verses 1 to 13.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy
complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full
accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you
look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the
same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Epistle.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 23-32

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 21, verses 23 to 32.

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

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” ²⁶But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ ²⁷So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” ²⁹He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Andy, Masami, Pat W, Marian, Roddy, Bill, Sheila K, 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 Nepal, Tibet, Venezuela, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran and the Gulf States, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers those in our Year’s Mind:

Donald McKean, Willie Waitt, Nancy Smith, Aileen Locker, Joan Snodgrass, Greig Dugan, Jean Shipley.

Offertory Hymn CAHON 323 In heavenly love abiding

Anthem All creatures of our God and King Harris

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn CAHON 415 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

Choral Evensong, 6.30pm - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings Exodus 24: 1-18; Matthew 9: 1-8

Psalm 121

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis Brewer in D

Anthem: Hide not thou thy face from us O Lord & Call to Remembrance Farrant

Responses Ayleward

Lord's Prayer Farmer

NEH 440 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den herren)

NEH 394 Let all the world in every corner sing (Luckton)

Readings for the day

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25: 1-8; *Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

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