

Sunday 7th June 2026 First Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our own mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of the commandments
we may please both in will and deed:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Hosea 5:15 - 6:6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt
and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour:
'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he
will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two
days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that
we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know
the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us
like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you,
O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes
away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have
killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes
forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

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Or **Genesis 12:1-9**

Second Reading **Romans 4:13-end**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13. 18-26

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us with there heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.