

**Sunday 14 June 2026**  
**Morning Worship for**  
**The Second Sunday of Trinity**  
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LORDSBRIDGE TEAM  
OF CHURCHES



## Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Sentence of Scripture

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4: 6

## Hymn – All Creatures of our God and King

- 1 All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
Chorus: O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
  
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
Chorus
  
- 3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest hearts both warmth and light:

## Chorus

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
Chorus

5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
Chorus

William Henry Draper (1855-1933)

based on Laudato sii, O me signore St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun (Public Domain)

## Introduction

We come to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

## Confession

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

### **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

○ Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

○ God, make speed to save us.  
**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

### **Readings by Dorothy Morison**

#### **Exodus 19:2-8a**

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD led to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

For the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Matthew 9:35-10:8**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection by Rev Chris Westgarth**

Our readings today confront us with a simple but searching question: Why has God called us?

In Exodus, Israel has reached Mount Sinai. They have been delivered from slavery, carried through the wilderness, and brought safely to this place. And God reminds them:

‘You have seen what I did ... how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.’

You see God has rescued them, but freedom isn’t the end of the story. They have been brought to God for a purpose. They are called to be a ‘priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’

That’s not a promise of privilege. It is a call to responsibility.

Israel is chosen not because God loves them instead of everyone else, but because God intends to work through them for the sake of the world. They are called to reflect God's character and God's justice among the nations.

And that same challenge comes to the Church - to you and to me. It is easy to think of faith as something private: my prayers, my spirituality, my relationship with God. Yet Scripture constantly reminds us that God's people are called not only to receive blessings but to become a blessing.

The Church does not exist simply for itself. That would be incredibly inward looking... We are called to reveal something of God's love to the world around us.

If Exodus tells us that God's people are called for a purpose, the Gospel shows us what that purpose looks like in practice.

Jesus travels through towns and villages teaching, preaching, and healing. Then Matthew tells us that Jesus looked at the crowds and had compassion for them because they were ‘harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.’

Jesus sees what others overlook.

He sees people burdened by fear, illness, loneliness, poverty, grief, and uncertainty.

And his response is compassion. Not pity from a distance. Not judgment. Compassion. It's a deep movement of God's own heart towards human need.

So, as we look around our own communities, we can still see people who are harassed and helpless. Some struggle financially. Some carry hidden grief. Some feel isolated despite living among many others. Some are searching for meaning and hope in a world that often feels fragmented and anxious. The needs may not always be obvious, but they are there.

And Jesus' words remain true:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.'

There is no shortage of need. But there is often a shortage of people willing to respond.

What happens next is striking. Jesus tells the disciples to pray for labourers. Then he immediately sends them out. The people who pray for the harvest become the workers in the harvest. Now there's a thought – perhaps that's still how God works.

We pray for peace, and God asks us to become peacemakers.

We pray for justice, and God asks us to act justly.

We pray for the lonely, and God asks us to offer friendship.

We pray for the Church to grow, and God asks us to bear witness to Christ.

Too often we hope God will send someone else. Yet the Gospel suggests that God frequently answers prayers by calling ordinary people to step forward.

Sometimes God's mission begins with something very ordinary: a visit to a neighbour, a conversation with someone who is lonely, an offer of practical help, or simply taking time to listen. Small acts of compassion can and do become signs of God's kingdom.

The disciples themselves were hardly extraordinary. They were fishermen, labourers, and a tax collector. They were imperfect and often fearful. Yet Jesus entrusted them with his mission. That should bring us encouragement.

God does not wait until we are perfect before calling us. God works through ordinary people who are willing to follow.

Jesus continually turns his disciples outward.  
He directs their attention to the crowds.  
To the people who are suffering.  
To those who need hope.  
To those who need to know they are loved by God.

The measure of our faithfulness is not simply what happens within our church buildings. It is also whether we are learning to see people as Christ sees them.

Do we notice those who are overlooked?  
Do we hear the voices that are easily ignored?  
Do we allow our hearts to be moved by the things that move the heart of God?

In both readings, God's people are gathered and then sent. Israel is brought to Sinai and given a vocation. The disciples are gathered around Jesus and then commissioned for mission. The pattern remains the same for us. We gather for worship. We hear God's word. We receive grace. Then we are sent back into the world as Christ's people.

Our service ends not with an invitation to stay, but with a command to go. (Although I will extend an invitation to stay for coffee and fellowship!) But then:

Go in peace.

Go to love and serve the Lord.

Go and bear witness to the kingdom of God.

For we are a people carried on eagles' wings, loved by God, and entrusted with God's mission.

May we have eyes to see as Jesus sees, hearts that share his compassion, and courage not only to hear his call, but to follow where he sends us.

Amen.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Intercessions by Michaela McNeill**

God our Father, we pray for your blessing on all people: Bless our King and those who take authority in this and other nations ... May they govern with wisdom and integrity, and bring justice and peace to the

world.

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who lead the Church ... May they be firm in faith, clear in vision, yet humble in your service:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who teach, in schools, colleges and universities ... May their skills help the young to achieve their best:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who suffer from ill-health or pain, loneliness or loss ... Deliver them from their distress and grant them healing, patience and peace ...

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who care for the sick and frail ... May they bring strength and encouragement to others, and know your grace for themselves.

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who go out to work each day ... May they use their gifts for the common good, and bear witness to Christ in the service they render:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died ...

Father of all, **grant us with them, and all the saints, a share in your eternal Kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Collect for the Second Sunday of Trinity**

Lord, you have taught us

that all our doings without love are nothing worth:

send your Holy Spirit

and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtues,

without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us so we pray;

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn – Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch William Williams (1717-1791)  
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## Notices

### Closing Words

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

To God, who by the power at work within us,  
is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think,  
to him be glory in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Ephesians 3: 20

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**