

# Sunday 7 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 mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your  
commandments  
we may please you 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.

Or **Genesis 12:1-9**

## PSALM Psalm 50:7-15

**R** *The Lord will show his salvation to the upright.*

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.  
I do not accuse you because of your  
sacrifices;  
your offerings are always before me. **R**

I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,  
nor he-goats out of your pens;  
For the beasts of the forest are mine,

the herds in their thousands upon the  
hills.  
I know every bird in the sky,  
and the creatures of the fields are in my  
sight. **R**

If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that  
is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?  
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most  
High.

Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall honour  
me." **R**

## 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") – Abraham  
believed in the presence of the God  
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  
God who raised Jesus our Lord from the

dead, who was handed over to death  
for our trespasses and was raised for our  
justification.

## 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.

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these 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.