

SUNDAY 12th JULY 2026

6th after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God,
You have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.



1st Reading - Isaiah 55.10-13

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come
down from heaven, and do not return there until they
have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall
my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not
return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the
mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of
the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the
Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not
be cut off.

Psalm - from Psalm 65

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth. *℟*

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. *℟*

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep.
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing. *℟*

2nd Reading - Romans 8.1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,
could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the
flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be
fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit. For those who live according to
the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds
on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is
death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile
to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot,
and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since
the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not
have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if
Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of
him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he
who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your
mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house
and sat beside the lake.
Such great crowds gathered
around him that he got into a
boat and sat there, while the
whole crowd stood on the
beach. And he told them many
things in parables, saying:
'Listen! A sower went out to
sow. And as he sowed, some
seeds fell on the path, and the



birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky
ground, where they did not have much soil, and they
sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since
they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell
among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone
with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower.
When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does
not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away
what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the
path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the
one who hears the word and immediately receives it with
joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a
while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account
of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for
what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears
the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of
wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for
what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the
word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and
yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in
another thirty.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
You have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Hap - py are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts.