

2 August 2026
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Reading and Hymn Sheet

HYMN (10am)

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Lift up your ...*
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: *Lift up your ...*
- 4 He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet: *Lift up your ...*
- 5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!

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Sentence

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'
Matthew 14.26–27

Collects of the Day

Collect of the Day:

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace:

Sovereign Lord, you created all nations from one source. We pray for peace in the halls of power and diplomacy. Guide world leaders to seek understanding over domination, and collaboration over aggression. Break the cycles of retaliation and war. May the global community act with courage and conscience to support peace, in every nation at war; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Places of Learning:

God of all truth, teach us to love you with heart and mind. Bless our schools, colleges and universities that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. May all who teach and all who learn seek and love the truth, and in humility look to you, the source of all wisdom and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 29.15-28

A reading from the book of Genesis, Chapter 29, beginning at verse 15

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹ Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with

you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' ²⁶ Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105.1-11

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- ² **Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**
- ³ Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- ⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**
- ⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
- ⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**
- ⁷ For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.
- ⁸ **He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,**
- ⁹ The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ **And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**
- ¹¹ Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance'.

Second Reading

Romans 8.18-39

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 18

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

- 1 Holy Spirit, living water,
flow in us and set us free;
cleanse our unbelief and sorrow,
wash our eyes and make us see.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come as wind, and
blow the dust of death away;
the gift of life into us,
lighten hearts to laugh and play.
- 3 Holy Spirit, rushing fire,
burn with truth and justice here;
catch our minds alight with passion,
perfect love that casts out fear.
- 4 Holy Spirit, come in silence,
wordlessly to heal and bless;
be the heart that prays within us,
fill the void with tenderness.
- 5 Holy Spirit, blessed Wisdom,
teach us all of God's delight;
offer us the wine of grace, and
make us children of the light.

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The Gospel

Matthew 13.44-58

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth;
make us holy in the truth.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 13,
beginning at verse 44

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of

teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. ⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' ⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1 "Held in the hand of God,"
this is our Saviour's word.
In his strong hand we rest secure,
he is our Sovereign Lord.
Safe in that hand we'll be,
for none shall pluck us free,
the love of God is for his own
through all eternity.
- 2 Held in the hand of God,
there's nothing we shall fear:
no foe within, no power without,
his loving presence near.
So trust, dear friends, in him,
nor let your faith grow dim,
though all around us darkness moves
the battle we shall win.
- 3 Held in the hand of God,
in him we will be strong,
for Christ remains our living Lord,
whose praise shall be our song.
Held in his loving hand,
on this great truth we stand:
this is the word of God to us
when doubts and fear demand.

- 4 Praise to our loving God
and to his Son, our Lord;
to Spirit be all homage paid,
great Trinity adored.
Our hearts shall sing his praise,
let now our voices raise
and join with all in heaven and earth,
the worship of our days.

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COMMUNION MOTET

O salutaris Hostia (O thou, the saving sacrifice)

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O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

O thou, the saving sacrifice,
Opening the gates of heaven wide.
Safely leading to paradise,
Knowing thy strength is by our side,
All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three,
O grant to us the life that is endless,
In the perfect land of eternity.
Amen.

HYMN

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer:
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Jesus is our only refuge:
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer;
 in his arms he'll take and shield you,
 you will find a solace there.

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