

**Sunday 20 July**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **All are welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**Let all the earth praise God.**

Sing to the glory of his name.

Come and see what God has done,

Let the sound of his praise be heard.

**Blessed is God**

**Who has not withdrawn from us  
his love and care.**

### **HYMN GWA 9**

**All creation sings God's greatness,**

praising works that God has done;  
while the earth reflects God's glory,  
God's vast deeds touch everyone.

*Grateful souls cannot be silent;  
in God's presence we must sing.  
To the source of all compassion  
songs of gratitude we bring.*

God who watches all the nations  
hears the smallest whispered prayer.  
Through all trials and tribulations  
we trust God and don't despair.

God stands with us in our troubles,  
guides us then to safer grounds,  
honing us like precious metals  
while our thankful song resounds.

We bring gifts of sweetest incense,  
fragrance carries thankfulness  
to the God whose love surrounds us,  
tells what words cannot express.

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**PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

## HYMN CH4 530

### One more step along the world I go,

one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
keep me travelling  
along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn,  
all the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should.  
where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough.  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you.

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## ALL AGE TIME

## HYMN GWA 176

### In my wrestling, and in my doubts,

in my failures, you won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, you won't let go.  
In the questions, your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, woah,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
shining in the darkness, I will follow you!  
Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
you will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, woah,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms. Hey!

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## READING

**Psalm 78:1-8** My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old – things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like their ancestors – a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

**Romans 15:1-6** We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: ‘The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.’ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 13:31-35** He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.’ He told them still another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.’ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.’

## SERMON

## HYMN CH4 237

### Look forward in faith

all time is in God's hand.  
Walk humbly with Him  
and trust His future plan.  
God has wisely led  
His people by His power.  
Look forward in hope,  
He gives us each new hour.

Look forward in faith  
the world is in God's care.  
His purpose of love  
He calls on us to share.  
In our neighbour's need,  
the Lord is present still.  
He blesses the meek!  
The earth will know God's will.

Look forward in faith  
God gives us life each day.  
Go onward with Christ,  
His Spirit guides our way.  
Now God lets us live  
within the sphere of grace.  
Trust ever in Him  
He rules o'er earth and space!

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## HYMN CH4 511

### Your hand, O God, has guided

Your flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
your people owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten  
and share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, life restored,  
was all in this enfolded,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
by mortals and by angels,  
your Name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem;  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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## BENEDICTION