

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height' (554)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

'Now Let Us From This Table Rise' (463)

'I Will Offer Up My Life' (329)

'Lead Kindly Light' (372)

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

FINAL HYMN: 'Take Up Thy Cross' (608)



3rd Sunday after Trinity

21st June 2026

GATHERING HYMN: 'For All the Saints' (161) Verses 1-4

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

Amen

FIRST READING

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:



Jeremiah 20: 7-13

'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 6: 1b – 11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means!
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all
of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his
death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly
be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self
was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and

we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed
from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live
with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died
to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must
consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN: 'Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord' (9)

We sing verse 5 after the Gospel Reading

GOSPEL

Matthew 10. 24—39

Jesus said to the twelve, 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave
above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and
the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house
Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be
uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim
from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill
the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are
not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not
one of them will fall to the ground unperceived
by your Father. And even the hairs of your
head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you
are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me
before others, I also will acknowledge before
my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me
before others, I also will deny before my Father
in heaven.

