

## First Reading

Read by

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> 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.' <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymns for 10am Today

**366** Living God, your word has called us

**569** The kingdom of God is justice and joy

**Vagabonds** see the service booklet

**806** There's a wideness in God's mercy

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew

## Glory to You O Lord

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' <sup>18</sup> 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.' <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

## The Prayers

The prayers are led by

**Those for who prayers have been asked:**

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For those on active service in places of danger

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

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3. Jats Gosal, Julie Lawrence.

2. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Louise.

1. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, John Pickering, Patricia Perry, Sheila B.

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**Those who have died recently**

Sheila Page

**We remember the anniversary of death of**

Leslie Barker June 7 2011

Gerald Smith June 8 1985

Hazel Jessup June 10 2016

Kitty Cullum June 12 2011

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time.

Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton, Malcolm Starsmoore,

Jeanette Budinger,