

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

*Sentence: Romans 6.23*

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Collect:*

O God,  
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name  
will not lose their reward:  
open our hearts to the needs of your children,  
and in all things make us obedient to your will,  
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,  
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*First Reading: Jeremiah 28.5-9*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, ‘Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.’

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalms 89.1-4; 89.15-18*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup> I have said of your loving-kindness  
that it is built for ever:  
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord said ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen:  
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.

<sup>4</sup> ‘I will establish your line for ever:  
and build up your throne for all generations.’

<sup>15</sup> Happy the people who know the triumphal shout:  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

<sup>16</sup> They rejoice all the day long because of your name:  
because of your righteousness they are exalted.

<sup>17</sup> For you are their glory and their strength:  
and our heads are uplifted by your favour.

<sup>18</sup> Our king belongs to the Lord:  
he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.

*Second Reading: Romans 6.12-23*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2.9*

Alleluia. **Alleluia!**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

**Alleluia!**

*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10.40-42*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>40</sup> ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**