



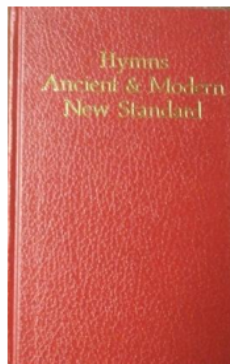
WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S, CLITHEROE

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026

TRINITY XI. (YEAR A)

COLLECT *(Gathering Prayer)*

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.



HYMNS

(Red Hymn Book)

117 Praise to the holiest in the height

109 When all thy mercies
(Omit * verse 4)

246 Just as I am

459 Give me joy in my heart

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1,6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my
house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be
called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will
gather others to them besides those already gathered.

THE GOSPEL READING: ST. MATTHEW 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that
region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a
demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she
keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she
came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and
throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters'
table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her
daughter was healed instantly.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and
brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm
on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all
sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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