



Collect and Readings for Sunday 28 June 2026

Collect for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*E te Matua kaha rawa, kaua mātou, āu tamariki e tukua kia whakamā ki te whāki i te whakapono o te Karaiti i rīpekatia, kia ū tūturu tonu āu pononga ā, mate noa. i roto pū i a Īhu Karaiti tō mātou Ariki. **Āmine.***

Almighty Father, grant that we your children may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but continue his faithful servants to our lives' end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah 28: 5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah responded to Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the Lord's temple. ⁶The prophet Jeremiah said: "Indeed. May the Lord do just as you have said! May the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied and bring back from Babylon the equipment of the Lord's temple and all the exiles to this place. ⁷However, listen closely to what I have to say to you and all the people: ⁸The prophets who came before you and me long ago prophesied war, disaster, and disease against many lands and great kingdoms. ⁹So the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as one who is actually sent by the Lord only when that prophet's message is fulfilled."

Epistle Reading – Romans 6: 12-23

¹² So then, don't let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. ¹³ Don't offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. ¹⁴ Sin will have no power over you, because you aren't under Law but under grace.

¹⁵ So what? Should we sin because we aren't under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! ¹⁶ Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That's true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to righteousness. ¹⁷ But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. ¹⁸ Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ (I'm speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behaviour that leads to still more lawless behaviour. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. ²³ The wages that sin pays are death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 10: 40-42

⁴⁰ "Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

[Translation: Common English Bible (CEB)]

Hymns for Sunday 28 June 2026

Opening Hymn:

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty
of the earth,
For the beauty
of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and
tree and flower,
Sun and moon and
stars of night.
Christ our Lord, to you we raise,
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony,
Linking sense to sound
and sight,
Christ our Lord, to you we raise,
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,
Christ our Lord, to you we raise,
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect
gift divine,
To our race so freely
given,
Joy's bestowed by love's design,
Seeds of earth and
fruits of heaven,
Christ our Lord, to you we raise,
This our sacrifice of praise.

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Gradual Hymn

Nothing Is Lost On The Breath Of God

Verse 1

Nothing is lost on the breath of God
Nothing is lost forever
God's breath is love
and that love will remain
Holding the world forever
No feather too light no hair too fine
No flower too brief in its glory
No drop in the ocean
no dust in the air
But is counted and told in God's story

Verse 2

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God
Nothing is lost forever
God sees with love
 and that love will remain
Holding the world forever
No journey too far
 no distance too great
No valley of darkness too blinding
No creature too humble
 no child too small
For God to be seeking and finding

Verse 3

Nothing is lost to the heart of God
Nothing is lost forever
God's heart is love
 and that love will remain
Holding the world forever
No impulse of love no office of care
No moment of life in its fulness
No beginning too late
 no ending too soon
But is gathered and known
 in its goodness

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Offertory Hymn:

[There Is A Redeemer](#)

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Holy One

Chorus

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer
name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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During Communion:

[Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup](#)



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Closing Hymn:

The Servant Song

Verse 1

Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

Verse 2

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

Verse 3

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

Verse 4

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

Verse 5

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

Verse 6

Brother sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too



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