

Sunday 9th August, 2026
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome & Intimations

- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a Vestry Hour on Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 10am followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- Copy for the September Edition of the Church magazine should be sent to the Magazine Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by Sunday 16th August, 2026 at the latest.
- Tickets for the **SAMH concert** with **Euan Russell & friends** on **Saturday 22nd August, 2026 at 6.45-9.30pm** are now available priced £10/£6.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
 Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 The silence of eternity,
 Interpreted by love!
- 4 With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
 The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
 As fell thy manna down.
- 5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.
- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire

Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 541 Lord, I pray, if today

1 Lord, I pray, if today
someone wrongs or troubles me,
make me kind; bring to mind,
that forgiveness makes us free.

2 Lord, I pray, if today
joy should fill my heart with song,
help me raise thanks and praise
for your goodness, sure and strong.

3 Lord, today if I stray,
show me the road I ought to take.
When I fear, Lord, be near;
hear my prayer for your love's sake.

Jean C Keegstra-BeBoer

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.^[a] ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer.' ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But

when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, ‘Let us not take his life.’ ²² Reuben said to them, ‘Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him’—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves^[a] that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?’ ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.’ And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because^[a] if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Hymn 69 Just as a father shows his love (Psalm 103)

- 1 Just as a father shows his love
to all his children dear,
so God bestows his love on those
who worship him in fear.
- 2 For God knows well how we were made,
remembers we're but clay;
our days like grass, pass quickly by,
a flower that fades away.
- 3 A wind blows, and the flower is gone,
its place is known no more;
but all the kindness of the Lord
for ever shall endure.
- 4 From age to age God's love shall last
for those who do his will;
and righteousness he will extend
to children's children still.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Hymn 559 There is a Redeemer,

1. There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

2. Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Once for sinners slain

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

3. When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

Melody Green(b.1946)

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer
Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **AMEN.**

Hymn 221 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

- 1 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
 with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 that in this house have called upon thy name.
- 2 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
 turn thou for us its darkness into light;
 from harm and danger keep thy servants free;
 for dark and light are both alike to thee.
- 3 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
 peace to thy Church from error and from strife;
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
 peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:
- 4 Thy peace in sorrow, balm of every pain;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
 then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
 call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

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Benediction

Choral Amen