

Hymns, Readings, and Collect

**Opening Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy

like the wideness of the sea;

there's a kindness in his justice

which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

are more felt than up in heaven;

there is no place where earth's failings

have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader

than the measure of our mind;

and the heart of the Eternal

is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow

by false limits of our own;

and we magnify his strictness

with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption

through the blood that has been shed;

there is joy for all the members

in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands

of new worlds as great as this;

there is room for fresh creations

in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,

we should take him at his word;

and our lives would be all gladness

in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Corvedale 806 AM*

**The Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,

be open to the prayers of your humble servants;

and that they may obtain their petitions

make them to ask such things as shall please you;

through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6–8**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

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— 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. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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### The New Testament Reading: Romans 11: 1–2a, 29–32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### The Gospel Reading: St Matthew 15: 21–28

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 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.' 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.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

### The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart,  
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

*attributed to Richard Farrant (c 1530–80)*

### Closing Hymn: Let us build a house

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children  
tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

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Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*Refrain:*

Let us build a house where love is found,  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

*Refrain:*

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*Refrain:*

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*Refrain:*

*Two Oaks 365 AM*