



3rd Sunday after Pentecost-14 June 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

God meets weary people with mercy, promise, and mission.

Across these readings, **God comes close**: to Abraham and Sarah in unexpected visitors, to the psalmist in distress, to sinners through Christ's reconciling love, and to the crowds through Jesus' compassion.

God's grace is never just for comfort; it becomes a calling to bless others.

Genesis 18.1–15

What's happening: Abraham welcomes three mysterious visitors by the oaks of Mamre. In this ordinary act of hospitality, God's promise is renewed: Sarah will have a son. Sarah laughs, because the promise seems impossible.

Main point: God's promise is bigger than human limitation. **What looks too late, too old, or too impossible is still within God's power.**

What to wonder about: Where might God be visiting us through ordinary hospitality, strangers, or unexpected conversations?

Psalms 116.1–2, 11–18 **What's happening:** The psalmist gives thanks because God has heard their cry and delivered them. **The response is worship, gratitude, and faithful service.**

Main point: Grace received becomes gratitude offered. The psalmist asks, "What shall I return to the Lord?" The answer is a life of thanksgiving.

What to wonder about: How do we live gratefully when God has carried us through trouble?

Romans 5.1–11

What's happening: Paul speaks of peace with God through Jesus Christ. Suffering can produce endurance, character, and hope because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Main point: God's love is not earned after we improve; it is given while we are still weak.

Christian hope rests on Christ's reconciling love.

What to wonder about: How might our struggles become places where hope deepens rather than disappears?

Matthew 9.35–10.8

What's happening:

Jesus sees the crowds, harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out demons.

Main point: **Compassion leads to mission.** Jesus does not only feel pity; he sends workers into the harvest.

What to wonder about:

Who are the "harassed and helpless" people around us today, and how is Christ sending us to them?

These readings tell one story: **God comes near, God hears, God loves, and God sends.**
Abraham and Sarah receive an impossible promise. The psalmist responds to rescue with thanksgiving. Paul reminds us that Christ loved us before we deserved it.
Jesus sees the suffering crowd and sends his disciples with mercy.
We are blessed by God so that we may become signs of his compassion in the world.

Today is Freedom for Faith Sunday [Freedom-Sunday-Resource-2024-2.pdf](#)
[Year A - After Pentecost - Proper 6 - Revised Common Lectionary](#); [Proper 6A – The Episcopal Church](#); <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/06/08/sundayiscoming-reflection-sunday-14-june-2026/>

Ladies Morning Tea Invitation 10am 27 June Contact Patricia or Annette

Wine and Cheese Evening 17 July-Kiwi Theme-Tickets \$25 each

Bible Study Lady Chapel begins 19 June

Ladies Study see Janice or Heather W

Men's Breakfast 1st Thursday of month

Meditation 24 June Wednesday night 5pm

Op Shop Every Thursday-1st Saturday of month Times 9-12

Next Sunday Pentecost 4 9am 14th June: Genesis 21.8-21

Psalm 86.1.1-10, 16-17; Romans 1.1-11; *Gospel: 10.24-39 Green*

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