

# EASTER TO TRINITY SUNDAY



Revised Common Lectionary /Scripture Citations for Year C - All Seasons

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Welcome to the last leg of the Liturgy journey for year C: Easter to Trinity Sunday. Our hope is that individuals as well as group/class members will make use of this devotional material as it not only reflects the Sunday sermons but ensures that we take our learnings deeper. We do this with scripture readings, daily devotions, reflections on scripture and questions. May you hear His truths, ensure it is transformative and experience God's love for you personally.

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Week 1: Sunday 20 April - The empty tomb.

Week 2: Sunday 27 April – Jesus appears to his disciples.

Week 3: Sunday 4 May – Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish.

Week 4: Sunday 11 May – Further conflict over Jesus's claims.

Week 5: Sunday 18 May – Jesus predicts Peter's denial.

Week 6: Sunday 25 May – The healing at the pool.

*29 May – Ascension Day*

Week 7: Sunday 1 June – Jesus prays for all believers.

Week 8: Sunday 8 June – Jesus the way to the Father.

Week 9: Sunday 15 June – Trinity Sunday.



## ***Week 6: Sunday 25 May***

### ***The healing at the pool***

Bring God into the meeting with prayer, lighting a candle, listening to a worship song.

Let the weak say I am strong: [https://youtu.be/OULfj6gYD0s?si=Wl6v3leYqg1\\_uTdQ](https://youtu.be/OULfj6gYD0s?si=Wl6v3leYqg1_uTdQ)

Read the Bible readings provided:

Liturgical Date: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Calendar Date: May 25, 2025

First reading: \*Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: Psalm 67

Second reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 5:1-9

*John 5:1-9 New International Version - UK*

*The healing at the pool*

<sup>5</sup> Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. <sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?' <sup>7</sup> 'Sir,' the invalid replied, 'I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.' <sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.' <sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

We meet Jesus this week walking to Jerusalem, He has a purpose: the Jewish festival. Now in Jerusalem there is a pool named Bethesda, the name on its own in Hebrew means *the House of Mercy*. It is prudent to note that Jesus met a great number of people with disabilities. This time he meets an invalid on his way to the festival, and He stops to enquire. Jesus sets an example to the Gods people to always spare a moment to ask people (especially those who are disabled) do you want to get well?

Sometimes we allow our schedules to define who we become, we are so busy with our own lives that we ignore people who are disadvantaged or disabled, "They are not in my schedule". The world is groaning in pain. Christians are called to make a difference to spread the good news, but we are buried in our own challenges, schedules and responsibilities. Let us reflect: when last did we embody this compassion of Christ to stop and ask someone: "do you want to get well"?

Our communities are filled with unwell people in various ways; people struggle to make ends meet, disposable income is shrinking, the family structure is slowly decaying, people feel alone and disabled. Christ challenges us to look a little bit closer to those waiting next to Bethesda. Many people come to our church but when they try to ask for attention many people ignore them or push themselves to the front of the line. If we are pushing and shoving for attention, how can we tell them God cares and heals: to pick up their mat and walk.

Some off us are the disabled ones: we have gotten so used to our broken situations that we are too happy being on the mat, it has become a place of comfort. This week we are reminded to reach out to others and liberated to STAND and WALK ourselves!

#### Questions for group discussion:


1. How do I prioritize my time to ensure I am available for those in need?
2. What does it mean to truly listen and be present for someone in their moment of need? Please give examples.
3. How can I support others this coming week who are experiencing feelings of helplessness?
4. In what ways can the church community come together to support those who feel helpless?

#### Daily readings:

Monday, May 26, 2025: [Psalm 93](#); [1 Chronicles 12:16-22](#); [Revelation 21:5-14](#);

Tuesday, May 27, 2025: [Psalm 93](#); [2 Chronicles 15:1-15](#); [Revelation 21:15-22](#);

Wednesday, May 28, 2025: [Psalm 93](#); [2 Chronicles 34:20-33](#); [Luke 2:25-38](#);

<p><b>Ascension Day</b></p> <p>Thursday, May 29</p>	<p>Liturgical Date: Ascension of the Lord Calendar Date: May 29, 2025 First reading: *Acts 1:1-11 Psalm: Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Second reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Gospel: Luke 24:44-53</p>	 <p>ASCENSION DAY 29 MAY 2025 Services 7am &amp; 7pm All welcome to come join us</p>
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Friday, May 30, 2025: [Psalm 97](#); [Exodus 33:12-17](#); [Revelation 22:6-9](#);

Saturday, May 31, 2025: [Psalm 97](#); [Exodus 33:18-23](#); [John 1:14-18](#);

#### FAMILY TIME:



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Week 6: Compassion for the vulnerable  
Read: John 5:1-9

Jesus healed a man who had been disabled for 38 years at the healing pool. The man couldn't get into the pool because others pushed ahead of him.

We see vulnerable people every day, like those begging on the streets or abandoned children and adults. It's easy to get used to seeing them and ignore their needs. But Jesus didn't ignore the disabled man. He saw his need and healed him.

We can learn from Jesus' example by:

- Noticing the vulnerable people around us
- Showing compassion and care
- Helping those in need when we can

Close in prayer