

18th Sunday after Trinity (Year C) (19th October 2025)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.**

Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Lord, how I love your law!

All the day long it is my study.

⁹⁸ Your commandments have made me wiser
than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my
teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the aged,
because I keep your commandments.

¹⁰¹ I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.

¹⁰² I have not turned aside from your judgements,
for you have been my teacher.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words on my tongue!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments I get
understanding; therefore I hate all lying ways.

Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I
will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah
with the seed of humans and the seed of
animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to
pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy,
and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and
to plant, says the LORD.

²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say, 'The
parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's
teeth are set on edge.' ³⁰ But all shall die for their
own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour
grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹ The days are surely
coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of
Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made
with their ancestors when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant
that they broke, though I was their husband, says
the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says
the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will
write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and
they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they
teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know
the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least
of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will
forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no
more.

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned
and firmly believed, knowing from whom you
learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have
known the sacred writings that are able to instruct
you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All
scripture is inspired by God and is useful for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training
in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to
God may be proficient, equipped for every good
work. **4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view
of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge
you:

² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the
time is favourable or unfavourable; convince,
rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in
teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will
not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching
ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers
to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from
listening to the truth and wander away to
myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure
suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out
your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to
pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, 'In a
certain city there was a judge who neither feared
God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there
was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,
"Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a
while he refused; but later he said to himself,
"Though I have no fear of God and no respect for
anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering
me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear
me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said,
'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not
God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him
day and night? Will he delay long in helping
them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to
them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he
find faith on earth?'

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast: for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**