

Lectionary

You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.

Midweek 29th October Last after Trinity

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Romans 8:26-30

A reading from Pauls letter to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 13

1. How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever? • How long will you hide your face from me?
2. How long shall I have anguish in my soul and grief in my heart, day after day? • How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
3. Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God; • lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
4. Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,' • and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
5. But I put my trust in your steadfast love; • my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

6. I will sing to the Lord, • for he has dealt so bountifully with me.

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All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from."

Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!"

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out.

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

