

# 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 27th May 2026 Pentecost

### The Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things come:  
grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy  
inspiration we may think those things that are good,  
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;  
through our Lord 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: I Peter 1:18-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways  
inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things  
like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ,  
like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was  
destined before the foundation of the world, but was  
revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through  
him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from  
the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope  
are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience  
to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love  
one another deeply from the heart. You have been born  
anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through  
the living and enduring word of God.

For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower  
of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord endures for ever.'

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

This is the word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Psalm 147:13-21

13. Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; • praise your  
God, O Zion;

14. For he has strengthened the bars of your  
gates • and has blest your children within you.

15. He has established peace in your borders • and  
satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16. He sends forth his command to the earth • and his  
word runs very swiftly.

17. He gives snow like wool • and scatters the hoar-  
frost like ashes.

18. He casts down his hailstones like morsels of  
bread; • who can endure his frost?

19. He sends forth his word and melts them; • he  
blows with his wind and the waters flow.

20. He declares his word to Jacob, • his statutes and  
judgements to Israel.

21. He has not dealt so with any other nation; • they  
do not know his laws. Alleluia.

This is the word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus  
was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those  
who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again  
and began to tell them what was to happen to him,  
saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of  
Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the  
scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they  
will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him,  
and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after  
three days he will rise again.'

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to  
him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us  
whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it  
you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant  
us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in  
your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know  
what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I  
drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized  
with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to  
them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the  
baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;  
but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to  
grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'  
When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with  
James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them,  
'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they  
recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their  
great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among  
you; but whoever wishes to become great among you  
must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first  
among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came  
not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ran-  
som for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, lover of all,  
in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood and one in the  
communion of his Spirit:  
help us to grow in love for one another and come to the  
full maturity of the Body of Christ.

We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

**Amen.**