

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 7th October 2026 Trinity 18

The 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 com-
mandments 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.**

First reading: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14

A reading from Pauls letter to the Galatians.

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jeru-
salem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I
went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid
before them (though only in a private meeting
with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I
proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make
sure that I was not running, or had not run, in
vain. On the contrary, when they saw that I had
been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircum-
cised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the
gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked
through Peter making him an apostle to the cir-
cumcised also worked through me in sending me
to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and
John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized
the grace that had been given to me, they gave to
Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship,
agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and
they to the circumcised. They asked only one
thing, that we remember the poor, which was ac-
tually what I was eager to do.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him
to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for
until certain people came from James, he used to
eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he
drew back and kept himself separate for fear of
the circumcision faction. And the other Jews
joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas
was led astray by their hypocrisy.

But when I saw that they were not acting consist-
ently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas
before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a
Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel
the Gentiles to live like Jews?'

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 117

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations; • praise
him, all you peoples.
2. For great is his steadfast love towards us, • and
the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Alleluia.

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had
finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord,
teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'
He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**