

Readings for Sunday 26th October

Psalm 119. 129-136

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Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.

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The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

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I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.

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Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.

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Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.

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Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.

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Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.

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Streams of tears flow from my eyes,
for your law is not obeyed.

Romans 15:1-6

New International Version

15 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. **2** Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. **3** For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."^[a] **4** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, **6** so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:16-24
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16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

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“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

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to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown”.