

# 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 4th June 2026 Corpus Christi

### The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

### Second Reading: Psalm 25:4-12

4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, • for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

5. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, • for they are from everlasting.

6. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, • but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; • therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

8. He will guide the humble in doing right • and teach his way to the lowly.

9. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth • to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10. For your name's sake, O Lord, • be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

11. Who are those who fear the Lord? • Them will he teach in the way that they should choose.

12. Their soul shall dwell at ease • and their offspring shall inherit the land.

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**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'

After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

### Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ, we may grow together in unity and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREATEST  
COMMANDMENT

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