

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.

Sunday 2nd August 2026 Trinity 9

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of
your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we
may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy
and peace; 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.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and
you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come,
buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and de-
light yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you
may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a
witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for
the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and
nations that do not know you shall run to you, because
of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he
has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my
conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I
could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kin-
dred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to
them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to
them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according
to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God
blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there
in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the
towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples came to him and
said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away so that they may go into the
villages and buy food for themselves.'

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give
them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have noth-
ing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said,
'Bring them here to me.'

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up
to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to
the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took
up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve
baskets full. And those who ate were about five thou-
sand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son to
share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace, gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

