

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 28th October 2026

Simon & Jude, Apostles

The Collect

Almighty God,
who built your Church upon the foundation of
the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ
himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their
doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple
acceptable to you; 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: Isaiah 28:14-16

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers
who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you
have said, 'We have made a covenant with death,
and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the
overwhelming scourge passes through it will not
come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and
in falsehood we have taken shelter'; therefore
thus says the Lord God, See, I am laying in Zion a
foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cor-
nerstone, a sure foundation: 'One who trusts will
not panic.'

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:19-end

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints and also mem-
bers of the household of God, built upon the
foundation of the apostles and prophets, with
Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the
whole structure is joined together and grows into
a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are
built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for
God.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 15:17-end

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

I am giving you these commands so that you may
love one another.

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me
before it hated you. If you belonged to the world,
the world would love you as its own. Because you
do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you
out of the world—therefore the world hates you.
Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants
are not greater than their master." If they perse-
cuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my
word, they will keep yours also. But they will do
all these things to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him who sent me.
If I had not come and spoken to them, they would
not have sin; but now they have no excuse for
their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also.
If I had not done among them the works that no
one else did, they would not have sin. But now
they have seen and hated both me and my Father.
It was to fulfil the word that is written in their
law,

"They hated me without a cause."

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to
you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who
comes from the Father, he will testify on my be-
half. You also are to testify because you have been
with me from the beginning.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit
to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in
tongues of flame, filling them with joy and
boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to
witness to your truth and to draw everyone to
the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**