

Sunday

26 October 2025

Bible Sunday

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:22-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Turn to me
and be saved, all the ends of the
earth! For I am God, and there is
no other. By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in
righteousness a word that shall not
return: "To me every knee shall
bow, every tongue shall swear."
Only in the LORD, it shall be said of
me, are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the LORD all the offspring of
Israel shall triumph and glory.

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136



R *The opening of your word
gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives
light;
it gives understanding to the
simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my
breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have
dominion over me.
Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your
commandments. **R**

Show the light of your countenance
upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of
water,
because the wicked do not keep
your law. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 15:1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We who are strong ought to put
up with the failings of the weak,



The op'-ning of your word gives light.

and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 4:16-24

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery

of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town."

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.