

SUNDAY

26 Oct 2025

Last Sunday of
Trinity

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

Joel 2.23-end *A reading from the book
of Joel*

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD
your God; for he has given the early rain for your
vindication, he has poured down for you abundant
rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats
shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming
locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the
cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise
the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt
wondrously with you. And my people shall never
again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and
that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all
flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams, and your young
men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I
will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon
to blood, before the great and terrible day of
the LORD comes.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the
LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as
the LORD has said, and among the survivors
shall be those whom the LORD calls.

PSALM 65

**R: Happy are they whom you choose to
dwell in your courts.**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their
sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. R

Happy are they whom you choose and draw
to your courts to dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple. R

With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might. R

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of
their waves and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels; the gates of the
morning and evening sing your praise. R

You visit the earth and water it; you make it
very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people, for so you
provide for the earth. R

You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless
it's increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and
your paths overflow with plenty. R

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with
goodness and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of
sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing. R

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 *A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the LORD stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The LORD will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

LUKE 18.9-14

*The Lord be with you
And also with you.*

*Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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.

Amen.