

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A
2nd August 2026

Sentence: Psalm 145.18-19

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

Collect:

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-5

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

¹ 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.

² 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 delight yourselves in rich food. ³ 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. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ 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.

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 45.8-9; 1 45.14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness.

⁹ The Lord is loving to every one of us:
and his mercy is over all his works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you in hope:
and you give them their food in due season;

¹⁶ You open wide your hand:
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways:
and faithful in all his dealings.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call upon him:
to all who call upon him in truth.

¹⁹ He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:
he will hear their cry, and save them.

²⁰ The Lord preserves all those that love him:
but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:
and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.

Second Reading: Romans 9.1-16

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. ⁶ It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. ⁹ For this is what the promise said, 'About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁰ Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac. ¹¹ Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, ¹² not by works but by his call) she was told, 'The elder shall serve the younger.' ¹³ As it is written, 'I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau.' ¹⁴ What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.' ¹⁶ So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.
Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4.4

Alleluia. **Alleluia!**
No one lives on bread alone,
but every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ 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.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.