

**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 55: 1-11**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord says this: 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 delight 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. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call

upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

### Second Reading **2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy*

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but

having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### **GOSPEL John 5: 36b - 47**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

# Sunday

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Bible Sunday

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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.