

## **25 October 2026 - Bible Sunday**

### **GATHERING SONG**

253 There Is A Redeemer

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Stand*

177 Thou Whose Almighty Word

### **GREETING**

✠In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

### **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to  
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord, You are gracious and compassionate:

**Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy,  
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.**

Lord, You are loving to all:

**Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy,  
Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.**

Lord, Your faithful servants bless Your Name:

**Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy,  
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the Highest,  
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise You,  
we bless You,  
we adore You,  
we glorify You.  
We give you thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King,**

**O God, Almighty Father.  
Glory to God in the Highest,  
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God in the Highest,  
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen.**

**Glory to God in the Highest,  
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.**

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| <b>COLLECT</b> |
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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.  
**Amen**

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| <b>FIRST READING:</b> |
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*Sit*

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12

***I Call You By Your Name***

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and

Meshullam on his left hand. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. 'For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. 'So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved. ' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

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| <b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b> |
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| Psalm 119.9-16 |
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**Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments**

How shall young people cleanse their way  
to keep themselves according to your word?  
With my whole heart have I sought you;  
O let me not go astray from your commandments.

**Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,  
that I should not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O Lord;  
O teach me your statutes.

**Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments**

With my lips have I been telling  
of all the judgements of your mouth.  
I have taken greater delight in the way of your  
testimonies than in all manner of riches.

**Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments**

I will meditate on your commandments  
and contemplate your ways.  
My delight shall be in your statutes  
and I will not forget your word.

**Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments**

**SECOND READING:**

Colossians 3:12-17

***Let The Word Of Christ Dwell In You Richly***

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Stand*Alleluia, **alleluia!**Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.**Alleluia!****GOSPEL:**

Matthew 24:30-35

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew**Glory to you, O Lord.*****'You Know That He Is Near'***

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**HOMILY***Sit***NICENE CREED***Stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS***Stand*

**Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.**

**✕ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS:

284 Abba, Father

*During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested. You can also donate using the card machine at the back if you'd prefer. Anyone who uses the Parish Giving Scheme can use a token to indicate their giving.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN:

181 Lord Thy Word Abideth

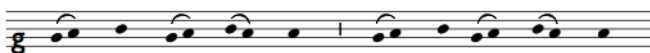
## OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept  
the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**R.** It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is He,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**When we eat this bread,  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim Your death, O Lord,  
until You come again,  
until You come again.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people sing:*



**A - men.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you  
come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you  
would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring  
your service sheet with you.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN:**

388 This Is The Day

*Sit*

## **COMMUNION HYMN:**

219 Father We Love You

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Stand*

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**

## **NOTICES**

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| <b>BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL</b> |
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| <i>Stand</i> |
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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠May almighty God bless you,  
the Father,  
and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| <b>RECESSIONAL HYMN:</b> |
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| 241 O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing<br>(omit * verses) |
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