

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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## COLLECT

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Isa 28.14-16*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem! Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter"; therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 119.Lamedh*



**R.** Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord.

*(All repeat)*



Your word O Lord is | everlasting;  
it ever stands firm | in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness endures from one  
generation | to another;  
it abides like the earth that | you  
established. **R.**

By your decree it endures | to this day,  
for all things | are your servants.  
Had your law not been | my delight  
I should have perished in | my affliction. **R.**

I will never forget | your commandments,  
for by them you | give me life.  
Save me, for | I am yours,  
for I have sought | your commandments. **R.**

Though the wicked lie in wait | to destroy me,  
yet I will meditate on | your decrees.  
I have seen that all perfection | has an end,  
but your commandment | knows no  
bounds. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Eph 2.19-22*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Ephesians.

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia.**

We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord:

the glorious company of the apostles praise you, O Lord.

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Jn 15.17-27*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no-one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, as we honour the eternal glory of your blessed apostles Simon and Jude, we ask you to receive our offerings and enable us worthily to celebrate your sacred mysteries; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**