

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your words. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Gospel

Mark 9.42-50

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to them, “If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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DOMESTIC & FAMILY ABUSE

AWARENESS SUNDAY

27th July, 2025



Sentence

Clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4.24

Prayer of the Day

God,
whose tender love sets us free
to share equally in the joy of your presence;
give us clarity and courage to challenge abuse in homes and families;
to hear the voice of victims and survivors;
and to proclaim the good news of fullness of life for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one never-ceasing gift of love, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 35.1, 9-21, 27-28

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1. Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me:
fight against those who fight against me.
9. Then shall my soul rejoice in the Lord:
and I will rejoice in his deliverance.
10. All my bones shall say, "Lord, who is like you?:
**for you deliver the poor from those too strong for them,
the poor and needy from those who despoil them."**
11. Malicious witnesses rise up against me:
I am questioned about things of which I know nothing.
12. They repay me evil for good:
I am as one bereaved of my children.
13. Yet when they were sick, I put on sackcloth:
I afflicted myself with fasting.
14. And if my prayer returned unanswered to my bosom:
**I went about mourning as though for a brother or a
companion;**

15. I was bowed down with grief:
as though for my own mother.
16. But when I stumbled, they rejoiced and gathered together, they
gathered together against me:
**as though they were strangers I never knew, they tore at me
without ceasing.**
17. When I slipped, they mocked me:
and gnashed at me with their teeth.
18. Lord, how long, will you look on?:
**take me from the evil they intend, take me from amidst the
lions.**
19. And I will give you thanks in the great congregation:
I will praise you in the throng of the people.
20. Let not those that wrongfully are my enemies triumph over me:
**let not those that hate me without cause mock me with their
eyes.**
21. For they speak words that do not make for peace:
but invent lies against those that are quiet in the land.
27. Let those that rejoice at my hurt be disgraced and confounded
altogether:
**Let those who lord it over me be clothed with shame and
dishonour.**
28. But let those that long for my vindication shout for joy and rejoice:
**let them say always that the Lord is great, who takes such
delight in his servant's good.**

Second Reading

Eph. 4:25-32

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**