

Today's Readings
29th October 2023
Last Sunday after
Trinity

THE COLLECT

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in
change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing
joy of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses,
saying:

² Speak to all the
congregation of the people
of Israel and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I
the Lord your God am holy.
¹⁵ You shall not render an
unjust judgement; you shall
not be partial to the poor or
defer to the great: with
justice you shall judge your
neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not
go around as a
slanderer among your
people, and you shall not
profit by the blood of your
neighbour: I am the Lord.
¹⁷ You shall not hate in your
heart anyone of your kin;

you shall reprove your
neighbour, or you will incur
guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall
not take vengeance or bear
a grudge against any of your
people, but you shall love
your neighbour as yourself: I
am the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

You yourselves know,
brothers and sisters, that our
coming to you was not in
vain, ² but though we had
already suffered and been
shamefully maltreated at
Philippi, as you know, we
had courage in our God to
declare to you the gospel of
God in spite of great
opposition. ³ For our appeal
does not spring from deceit
or impure motives or
trickery, ⁴ but just as we
have been approved by God
to be entrusted with the
message of the gospel, even
so we speak, not to please
mortals, but to please God
who tests our hearts. ⁵ As
you know and as God is our
witness, we never came with
words of flattery or with a
pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did
we seek praise from mortals,
whether from you or from

others, ⁷ though we might
have made demands as
apostles of Christ. But we
were gentle among you, like
a nurse tenderly caring for
her own children. ⁸ So
deeply do we care for you
that we are determined to
share with you not only the
gospel of God but also our
own selves, because you
have become very dear to
us.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22.34-46

When the Pharisees heard
that he had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered
together, ³⁵ and one of them,
a lawyer, asked him a
question to test
him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which
commandment in the law is
the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to
him, "You shall love the
Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your
mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest
and first
commandment. ³⁹ And a
second is like it: "You shall
love your neighbour as
yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two
commandments hang all the
law and the prophets.'

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees
were gathered together,
Jesus asked them this
question: ⁴² 'What do you
think of the Messiah?
Whose son is he?' They said
to him, 'The son of David.'
⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it
then that David by the Spirit
calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴
"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies
under your feet"'?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him
Lord, how can he be his
son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to
give him an answer, nor
from that day did anyone
dare to ask him any more
questions.

**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.

PSALM 1

¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the
advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners
tread,
or sit in the seat of
scoffers;
² but their delight is in the
law of the LORD,
and on his law they
meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of
water,
which yield their fruit in its
season,
and their leaves do not
wither.
In all that they do, they
prosper.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the
wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will
not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the
congregation of the
righteous;
⁶ for the LORD watches over
the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
will perish.