

Sunday Readings

5th October 2025

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who
entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9. R/. v.9

**R/. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R/.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **R/.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
1:6-8. 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever
and this word is the good news that was preached to
you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The Lord be with you. *And with your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." '

The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary Year C

The Word of God

Saint of the Week



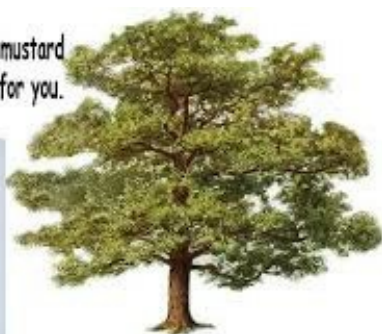
Faith. • This is a word that we throw around a lot in religion. • But what does it mean? Before we look at today's readings, let's perhaps review its meaning. Faith is about the future. It is about belief, and it is about trust and loyalty.

With his metaphor of the mustard seed, a very tiny seed, Jesus tells the Apostles that even with a small amount of faith, God will hear them and answer their needs, even if it was something that needed a miracle. But Jesus also tells them that their faith at this point is very weak. He doesn't mean this as a put down. Jesus explains that the Apostles do have faith and that with the amount of faith they already have, they can do impossible things.

So what can this mean for us this week? I am sure we all struggle with our faith at some time or another. First of all we need to recognize that it is a gift to us. • It is a grace. Faith is our gift – it has been given to each of us here, some more than others. Some of us might have the faith of a mustard seed, others might have been given a greater faith. • But we can use what we are given and do amazing things with it – move mountains! All we need to do is to accept and come to grips with this gift of faith. We need to do the things that we are expected to do, the things Jesus asks us to do – love our neighbour, love God. If we work at these things, we will be increasing our faith. To work to bring an end to injustice in the world and to work toward making the kingdom of heaven happen here on earth is what we must do as Christians. • It is expected of us.

If we are not using our gift, it will not grow. From the littlest seeds, great trees can grow. And even a tiny mustard seed bears much fruit!

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



Monday 6th October 2025

St Bruno (c.1033 - 1101)

He was born at Cologne and educated partly at Reims. He was head of the episcopal school there for almost 20 years. In 1075 he was appointed chancellor of the church of Reims and had to devote himself to the administration of the diocese. The bishop at that time, Manasses de Gournai, was impious, corrupt, and violent. Through the intervention of Bruno and others, the Council of Autun suspended Manasses, who retaliated by demolishing the houses of their accusers and confiscating their goods. In 1080 a final decision of the Pope, together with a popular uprising, deposed Manasses.

Bruno was the obvious candidate as his successor – nearly 50, known and trusted, and experienced in administration. But in 1077 he and two of his fellow-canonists at Reims had made a vow to abandon the world and enter the religious life. It had not been possible to act on that vow at the time. Now it was. Bruno fled.

In 1084, with six of his companions, he presented himself to St Hugh of Châteauneuf, Bishop of Grenoble, who installed them in a wild spot called Chartreuse, not far from Grenoble, among steep rocks and snow-covered mountains. They built a small monastery where they lived in deep retreat and poverty, entirely occupied in prayer and study.

Bruno pioneered the “mixed” form of religious life, of hermits who live together in a community. He did not plan to found an Order, but the seed he had planted at Chartreuse grew into the Carthusian Order, which continues to this day, with some 24 houses spread across the world.

Prayer of the Week

A Sunday Prayer

Lord God,
since by the adoption of grace
you have made us children of light:
do not let false doctrine darken our minds,
but grant that your light may shine within
us and we may always live in the
brightness of truth.

Amen.