

Readings and Gospel Reading for Sunday 31st May 2026

First Reading – Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 40, beginning at verse 12. Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust
of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him
knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and
emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the
everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or

grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run
and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

For the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 13.11-end

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 13, beginning at verse 11. Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

For the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28.16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.