

**Sunday 15 August 2027**  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

**First Reading - Proverbs 9.1-6**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house,  
prepared her feast,  
and set out  
her finest wines.  
She has sent out her messengers,  
announcing, from the highest places in the city:  
All who seek wisdom, gather here!  
All who seek good judgement,  
knowledge, and understanding, Come!  
Eat my bread,  
and drink my wine!  
Walk in the way of understanding!  
Lay aside  
all foolishness,  
and live!  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Let there be no  
dishonesty.  
Speak only the truth  
to one another,  
for we are all members  
of one body.  
When you are angry,  
allow no opportunity  
for the devil:  
take care  
not to fall  
into sin;  
do not let  
the sun  
go down  
on your anger.  
Let all  
do honest work,  
and then share  
what they have  
with the needy.  
Let none  
be a thief.  
When you speak,  
let your words  
be gracious  
and encouraging  
to all who hear,  
and never harmful.  
From the day  
you first  
come to Christ,  
you have the Holy Spirit  
within you,  
marking you  
as God's own,  
for the day of salvation.

So do not grieve  
the Holy Spirit.  
Put away all bitterness, anger,  
dispute, slander, and malice.  
Be kind to one another,  
and gracious,  
forgiving one another,  
as God, in Christ, has forgiven you.  
Walk in the way  
of godliness and love.  
And follow the example of Christ, who loved us,  
and in that love,  
offered up his life for us  
to God the Father.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - John 6.51-58**

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

Jesus said, 'I am the living bread  
that comes down from heaven.  
Whoever eats this bread  
will live for ever.  
And my body  
is the bread  
that I give  
for the life  
of the world.'  
They argued  
amongst themselves,  
about how Jesus could describe his body  
as bread,  
to eat.  
Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I tell you:  
unless you eat the body  
of the Son of Man,  
and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you.  
Those who eat my body  
and drink my blood  
have eternal life,  
and I will raise them up  
on the last day.  
I will live in them,  
and they  
will live in me.  
They will live  
as one  
with me,  
just as I live  
as one  
with the Father who sent me.  
I am the true and living bread  
that comes down from heaven.  
Your ancestors ate  
their bread from heaven,  
and they died.  
But all who eat this  
bread from heaven  
will live for ever.'  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.