

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.