

Sunday 27 February 2028
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading - Isaiah 55.10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return there
until they have watered the earth,
making it fruitful with grain,
producing bread to eat,
and new seed to sow.
In the same way, says the Lord,
the word that I speak
will not return to me
without accomplishing
all that I intend, and succeeding
in the purpose for which I sent it.
And where once
there were thorns and brambles,
tall and blossoming trees
will grow;
and this will be a memorial, an everlasting sign,
to honour the name of the Lord.
And you will go out with joy,
and return in peace;
and the trees of the field
will clap their hands,
and the mountains and the hills
will break into song.
This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15.51b-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.
Those of us who are still alive
when the last trumpet sounds
will not die, but will be transformed,
in that moment, in the blink of an eye.
The trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised,
and we will be changed,
as the mortal
is transformed
to immortality.
And the word of the prophet
will have been fulfilled,
for death itself will have been defeated:
'swallowed up in victory'.
The power of death
was in sin,
and the power of sin
was in the law.
But thanks be to God, who has defeated
all the powers of death,
and has won for us the victory,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Luke 6.39-49

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
Jesus taught them in parables,
saying, 'They are like
the blind
leading the blind.
The one who is learning
can do
no better
than the one who is teaching.
And the one who
completes their learning
will become
like their teacher.
You should not
be trying
to remove a speck
from someone else's eye
while you still have a log
in your own.
You know a tree
by its fruit:
you do not find figs
on a thorn bush,
or grapes
on a bramble;
a good tree
produces good fruit,
and a bad tree
produces bad fruit;
in the same way,
a good person
produces good words and deeds
from the goodness
stored up in their heart;
while a wicked person
produces wicked words and deeds
from the wickedness stored up in their heart.
And in the same way,
if you call me Lord,
you should surely act
on what I say;
for if you come to me,
and hear my words,
and act on them,
you are building a house on
deep foundations,
dug right down to the rock,
so that when the flood comes,
it will stand secure.
But those who hear my words,
and do not act
on what they hear -
they are building a house
without foundations,
and it will fall
when the floods
rise against it.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.