

Readings and Gospel Reading
for Sunday 26th April 2026 (10.30)

First Reading
Proverbs 15.28-end

A reading from the Proverbs, chapter 15, beginning at verse 28.
Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
The Lord is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
and good news refreshes the body.
The ear that heeds wholesome admonition
will lodge among the wise.
Those who ignore instruction despise themselves,
but those who heed admonition gain understanding.
The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom,
and humility goes before honour.

For the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Acts 15.35-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 15, beginning at verse 35. Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord. After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers[o] in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers[p]commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

For the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading (10.30 am)
Mark 13.5-13

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!”[a] and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news[b] must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.