

## Readings for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

### First Reading

*Proverbs 25.6-7*

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence, or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup> for it is better to be told, 'Come up here, than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

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Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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## Gospel Reading

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 14.1, 7-14*

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On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place” , and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher” ; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends

or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**