



# BIBLE SUNDAY

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*A warm welcome to our worship this week*

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday</b>	
0900	Morning Prayer
1000	Parish Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
1800	Standing Committee on Zoom
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	
0900	Community Kitchen Kitchen (bags only, due to Covid)
0930	Eucharist
1700	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Simon &amp; Jude Apostles</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
0900	Community Kitchen (bags only, due to Covid)
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
13-1800	Black History Month event (Institute)
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b> ( <i>clocks go back</i> )
0900	Morning Prayer
1000	Parish Eucharist

## HYMNS

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- 10** – All for Jesus
- 362** – O for a thousand tongues to sing
- 500** – There is a redeemer
- 27** – Amazing Grace

## SETTINGS AND PSALM

*Director of Music: Mr Matthew Lazenby*

*Today we sing the Mass of St Thomas  
and our organist is Mr David Austin*

*Responsorial Psalm: 126*

**R: What marvels the Lord worked  
for us! Indeed we were glad**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

## NOTICES

- Fr Ericsson is hosting a **Back History Month** event this Saturday from 1 to 6 pm at the Institute, with refreshments, guest speakers, singing and an open mic slot. Not to be missed!
- The **Potternewton Community Choir** is rehearsing every Wednesday at 18:30. It is not too late to join. Everyone is welcome and no previous singing experience is required!
- The **Sunday Club** is up and running again – all children are very welcome!
- Our **In Memoriam** book is on permanent display in church; consider sponsoring one of the Stations of the Cross in memory of a dear one. Donations will be gratefully received in exchange for a permanent entry in the book.
- Please **take this Sheet** with you after the service but leave books and other sheets on the pews.

## COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:1-11***

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

### **SECOND READING: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5***

<sup>14</sup> As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good

work. <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL READING: *John 5:36b-end***

Jesus said, <sup>36b</sup> The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. <sup>40</sup> Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not accept glory from human beings. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?" *(NRSV, adapted)*

### **AFTER COMMUNION**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**