

Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

10th October 2026

First reading

Galatians 3:22-29

‘You are all sons of God, through faith.’

Brothers and Sisters: The Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 105(104):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R4b

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

or: Alleluia.

O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done, his marvels and his words of judgement.

O children of Abraham, his servant,

O descendants of the Jacob he chose, he, the Lord, is our God; his judgements are in all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:27-28

‘Blessed is the womb that bore you! Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God.’

At that time: As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’

Short reflection on the reading for today

Today we have the shortest gospel in the Lectionary, just two verses long. The brief exchange between Jesus and a woman is intriguing. A woman in the audience was so taken by his teaching that she spontaneously shouted out a blessing on Jesus' mother. She declared Mary blessed because for being the mother of this prophet and healer, Jesus. While our Lord held his mother the highest regard, he expands the blessing to a much wider group. “Even more blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it,” he says.

In that wider group, Jesus' mother played a prominent part. More than anyone, Mary heard the word of God and kept it. Her mindset was always, “Let it be to me according to your word.” If the mother of Jesus is blessed, it is not merely in her physical motherhood but because she devoted herself to hearing and doing God's word. If we can do likewise, we will share in that lovely blessing.

