

Readings July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

(The King will come in humility and peace)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-14

(The Lord is gracious and full of compassion)

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ **One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.**

⁵ They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

⁶ **They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰ **All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.**

¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,

¹² **that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ **The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Second Reading: Romans 7:14-25a

(The struggle within the self)

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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People: **Thanks be to God.**