

# Readings July 12, 2026

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

(God's word does not return to him empty)

<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.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 65: 1-8

(The earth is filled with awe at your wonders)

<sup>1</sup> You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup> **To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup> Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell  
there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the  
holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup> Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our  
salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup> **You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup> You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

## Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

*(Spirit bears witness to our adoption by God)*

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**