

**The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
July 20, 2025**

Today we welcome Father José Luis Aranada as our guest celebrant and preacher.

THE HYMNS

Opening Hymn:	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	CP-577
Gradual Hymn:	<i>"Blest Are the Pure in Heart"</i>	CP-439
Offertory Hymn:	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>	CP-386
Communion Hymns:	<i>"Abba Father"</i>	see page 4
	<i>"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"</i>	CP-511
Closing Hymn:	<i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i>	CP-532

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: **Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, alert us to your presence and make us attentive to your voice, so that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.ⁱ**

THE READINGSⁱⁱ

First Reading: (Amos 8:1-12) Read by Sandra

In the fourth vision of his planned devastation, God threatens to punish the Israelites for fraudulent business practices which particularly affect the poor and needy. There is a word-play on "summer fruit" and "end": in Hebrew the words sound alike.

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

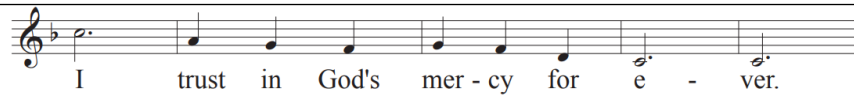
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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Psalm 52ⁱⁱⁱ - Cantors: Andy and Pauline

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: I trust in God's mercy for ever.

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?
You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.
You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.
You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue. **[Refrain]**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!
The righteous shall see and tremble, they shall laugh at you, saying,
"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,
but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness." **[Refrain]**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
I give you thanks for what you have done
and declare the goodness of your name in the presence of the godly. **[Refrain]**

Second Reading: (Colossians 1:15-28) Read by Graham Forst

The Christians of Colossae hear of Christ, in whom the entirety of God resides, who draws all things together, and who is the head of all created-ness.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in

him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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Gospel Reading: (Luke 10:38-42)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' day, to sit at someone's feet was to be his disciple. Jesus praises Mary's discipleship. Her role is exemplary, but Jesus also values Martha's role.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by

many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



On the liturgical calendar, summer months are sometimes referred to as "Ordinary Time" (from "ordinal," or "related to a series") between Pentecost and Advent. In our Sunday Gospel readings, we hear a chronological set of stories narrating Jesus' life, this year selected from the Gospel of Luke. From ten thousand feet, the Christian Year appears divided almost in half: about six months of holy seasons (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Eastertide), and about six months of Ordinary Time.

Like a pendulum swinging back and forth, or a pair of lungs breathing in and out, the church alternates between these two movements each year: high holidays and everyday life, the joys of celebration and the gritty work of growth.

<https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2019/6/18/the-beautiful-struggle-salts-lectionary-commentary-for-second-week-after-pentecost>

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Abba Father

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Capo 3 (G)

Dave Bilbrough

Thoughtfully

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ⁱ The Collect of the Day is from “A Prayer Book for Australia” (1995) alt

ⁱⁱ The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the montreal.anglican.org site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>