

# Readings + 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 B + June 30, 2024

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## First Reading Lamentations 3:[21]22-33

<sup>21</sup> [T]his I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
the mercies of God never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore in the LORD I will hope.”  
<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who are patient,  
to the soul that seeks after God.  
<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup> It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,  
<sup>28</sup> to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,  
<sup>29</sup> to put one’s mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),  
<sup>30</sup> to give one’s cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.  
<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not  
reject forever.  
<sup>32</sup> Although causing grief, the LORD will have  
compassion  
out of an abundance of steadfast love;  
<sup>33</sup> for the LORD does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

## Psalmody Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

*Paul writes:* <sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. <sup>11</sup> Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one

has, not according to what one does not have.

<sup>13</sup> For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

## **Holy Gospel**    Mark 5:21-43

*Mark, Matthew, and Luke all tell these two stories, but Mark's version is much longer and more detailed.*

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw Jesus, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded with him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed Jesus and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.”

<sup>29</sup> Immediately her flow of blood stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her

disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my cloak?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid, only trust.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the synagogue leader's house, Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand, Jesus said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> Jesus strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.