

# Readings + 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 14 C + July 6, 2025

## Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for the city,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with Jerusalem in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.  
<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to Jerusalem like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an  
overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.  
<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the LORD  
is with my servants,  
and my indignation is against my enemies.

## Psalmody Psalm 66:1-9

Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

**Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies  
cringe before you.

**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

**Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## Second Reading Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

*Paul writes:* [<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you men to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised men do not themselves obey the law, but they want you men to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to

the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule— peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## **Holy Gospel** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Luke only:* After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. *Matthew and Luke tell the rest, but with slightly different details:* <sup>2</sup> Jesus said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer

deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The reign of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the reign of God has come near.’ *Luke, Matthew, John:* <sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

*Luke only:* <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”