

# Readings + 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 15 C + July 13, 2025

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## First Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, delighting in prospering you as in your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing the commandments and decrees of the LORD that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

## Psalmody Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## Second Reading Colossians 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful believers, members of our family in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God, our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to the Lord, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, so that you may have all

endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the dominion of the beloved Son of God, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **Holy Gospel** Luke 10:25-37

*Only Luke tells us this parable of Jesus.*

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

“Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> The man answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And Jesus said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, the man asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when the Samaritan saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.”

<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> The man said, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”