

# Readings + 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 10 A + June 7, 2026

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## First Reading Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

*God spoke through the prophet Hosea:*

- <sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- 6** “Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for having torn, the LORD will heal us;  
having struck us down, the LORD will bind us up.
- <sup>2</sup>After two days the LORD will revive us;  
on the third day will raise us up,  
that we may live before the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
whose appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
the LORD will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- <sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.
- <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

## Psalmody Psalm 50:7-15

“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

## Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

*Paul writes:* <sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all Abraham’s descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made Abraham waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now

the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **Holy Gospel**    Matthew 9:9-13 [14-17] 18-26

*Mark and Luke also have all three of these sections, the call of Levi (Matthew), the question of fasting, and the healing of a hemorrhaging woman told in between the story of a Jewish leader's daughter's healing. Mark's version of the two healings is substantially longer and more detailed, and we hear it in the summer of year B, Mark's year, all by itself. What's interesting is that the lectionary framers chose to give us Matthew's much shorter version, connected to these other episodes. It's rare to have the same story appointed from two Gospels in our current lectionary.*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection station; and Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” And Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,

“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup> While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, Jesus went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.