

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9 2023

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter
Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to
the nations;

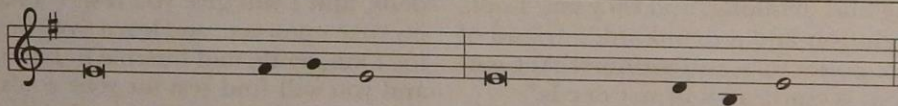
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of
the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood
of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from
the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to
you double.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14; tone 8



The LORD is gracious
and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and
abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are ¹ good to all,
and your compassion
is over ¹ all your works.**

¹⁰All your works
shall praise ¹ you, O LORD,
and your faithful ¹ ones
shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory
¹ of your kingdom
and speak ¹ of your power,**

¹²that all people
may know ¹ of your power
and the glorious splendor
¹ of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom
is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures
through- ¹ out all ages.**

**You, LORD,
are faithful in all your words,
and loving in ¹ all your works.**

¹⁴The LORD upholds
all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those
who ¹ are bowed down.

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things

from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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