



Today's Readings

Sunday, June 3, 2018
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the

resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Psalm

Psalm 81:1-10; tone 1



Sing with joy to ¹God our strength
and raise a loud shout
to the ¹God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and ¹sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, ¹and the lyre.

³Blow the ram's horn
at ¹the new moon,
and at the full moon,
the day ¹of our feast;

⁴for this is a stat- ¹ute for Israel,
a law of the ¹God of Jacob.

⁵God laid it
as a solemn charge upon Joseph,
going out over the ¹land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice
I ¹did not know:

⁶"I eased your shoulder
¹from the burden;
your hands were set free
from the grave- ¹digger's basket.

⁷You called on me in trouble,
and I de- ¹livered you;
I answered you
from the secret place of thunder
and tested you
at the wa- ¹ters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people,
and I will ad- ¹monish you:
O Israel,

if you would but lis- ¹ten to me!

⁹There shall be no strange ¹god among
you;

you shall not worship
a ¹foreign god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God,
who brought you
out of the ¹land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide,
and ¹I will fill it."

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are

afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Gospel

Mark 2:23—3:6

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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