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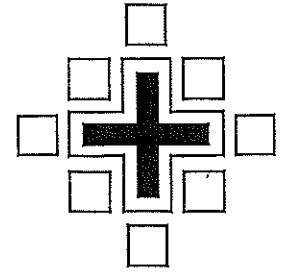
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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023



INTROIT *Ps. 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: Ps. 91:1*

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Rom. 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

DAILY READINGS

July 9: Judg. 4:1–24; Acts 14:1–18; 10: Judg. 6:1–24; Acts 14:19–15:5; 11: Judg. 6:25–40; Acts 15:6–21;
12: Judg. 7:1–23; Gal. 1:1–24; 13: Judg. 13:1–25; Gal. 2:1–21; 14: Judg. 14:1–20; Gal. 3:1–22; 15: Judg.
15:1–16:3; Gal. 3:23–4:11.

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Old Testament Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-12

- ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of
Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is
he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the
nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of
the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the
blood of my covenant with
you,
I will set your prisoners free from
the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prison-
ers of hope;
today I declare that I will restore
to you double.

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual,
but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I
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 with the law, that it
is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who
do it, but sin that dwells within me.
¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells

in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have
the desire to do what is right, but not
the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do
the good I want, but the evil I do not
want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if
I do what I do not want, it is no longer
I who do it, but sin that dwells within
me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I
want to do right, evil lies close at hand.
²²For I delight in the law of God, in my
inner being, ²³but I see in my members
another law waging war against the
law of my mind and making me cap-
tive to the law of sin that dwells in my
members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am!
Who will deliver me from this body
of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I
thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, that you have hidden these things
from the wise and understanding and
revealed them to little children; 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. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and
my burden is light."