

# The Second Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 4

June 2, 2024

## The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## A Reading from Deuteronomy 5:6-21

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember 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. “Honor your father and your mother, as

the LORD your God command ed you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “And you shall not commit adultery. “And you shall not steal. “And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.’

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 81:1-10

*The Psalm will be chanted.*



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- 1 O sing merrily unto God our **strength**; \*  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of **Jacob**.
- 2 Take the psalm, bring hither the **timbrel**, \*  
the merry harp with the **lute**.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new **moon**, \*  
even in the time appointed, and on our solemn **feast day**.
- 4 For this was made a statute for **Israel** \*  
and a law of the God of **Jacob**.
- 5 This he laid upon Joseph for a **testimony**, \*  
when he came out of the land of **Egypt**.
- 6 I eased his shoulder from the **burden**, \*  
and his hands were delivered from bearing the **load**.
- 7 You called upon me in troubles, and I de-**livered** you, \*  
and I answered you in the thundercloud and tested you at the waters  
of **strife**.

- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will ad-**monish you**; \*  
O Israel, if you will hearken **unto me**,
- 9 There shall be no strange god a-**mong you**, \*  
neither shall you worship any other **god**.
- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land  
of **Egypt**; \*  
open your mouth wide, and I shall **fill it**.

**A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:1-12** When the day of  
Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not  
lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways.  
We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but  
by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves  
to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our  
gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their  
case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the  
unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the  
glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is  
not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your  
servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of  
darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the  
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we  
have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing pow-  
er belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but  
not 3 crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but  
not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in  
the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be  
manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given  
over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be  
manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in  
you.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 2:23-258**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **Proper Preface** *Pentecost*

*For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth, giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.