

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE APOSTLES

### Anthem of the Chancel

*I will bless the Lord always.*

Blessed is the Son of the Good One, who through his sacrifice delivered our race.

*His praises will always be in my mouth.*

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.*

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### The Lections

Isaiah 2:1-21

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into

plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. For thou hast rejected thy people, the house of Jacob, because they are full of diviners from the east and of soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike hands with foreigners. Their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots. Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made. So man is humbled, and men are brought low—forgive them not! Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty. The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the pride of men shall be humbled; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up and high; against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan; against all the high mountains, and against all the lofty hills; against every high tower, and against every fortified wall; against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the beautiful craft. And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be brought low; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. And the idols shall utterly pass away. And men shall enter the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. In that day men will cast forth their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, to the moles and to the bats, to enter the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.

## The Shuraya

Seek the LORD and be strengthened, \*  
Seek his presence at all times! \*  
Remember the wonders that he has done, \*  
His marvels, and the judgment of his mouth, \*  
O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
Sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! \*  
He is the LORD our God; \*  
His judgments are in all the earth. \*  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit; \*  
From everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen. \*

## The Apostle

1 Corinthians 10:14-32

. . . . . [M]y beloved, shun the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible men; judge for yourselves what I say. 3The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what

pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. For "the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. (But if some one says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then out of consideration for the man who informed you, and for conscience' sake—I mean his conscience, not yours—do not eat it.) For why should my liberty be determined by another man's scruples? If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God . . . . .

## The Zumara

Your hands have made and fashioned me; teach me your law, that those who fear you may see and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. \*

I have known, O LORD, that your judgments are righteous, and that your faithfulness has afflicted me. Let loving-kindness be for my consolation, as you have said to your servant. \*

## The Gospel

Luke 12:57-13:17

**"And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out till you have paid the very last copper."**

**There were some present at that very time who told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you,**

No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him,

"You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

### Anthem of the Mysteries

**Text:** Holy brothers and faithful in Jesus Christ, let brotherly love remain in you.

*Hear this, all you peoples, and all you, the children of the Most High.*

O brothers who are in Christ through Baptism and sharers in the mystery of death and entombment, stay away from unbelievers and depart from pagans, that you may be participants and heirs in the Kingdom.

*May the Lord increase your number.*

O brothers who are in Christ through Baptism and sharers in the mystery of death and entombment, stay away from unbelievers and depart from pagans, that you may be participants and heirs in the Kingdom.

## **Anthem of the Bema**

Receive in purity, O mortals, the holy and precious Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, the hope and life of creatures, that by it you may be absolved of your debts and be made heirs of new life; for lo, watchers in fear stand before it and tremble to look upon the intensity of its fire, and to you he gives it in the multitude of his mercies. Take in purity, O mortals, and give thanks to him for his gift, for which creatures are not sufficient. Let us then be adorned with excellency of new life, which is appropriate for the pure and the lover of the pure.

Come, let us give thanks to the Son of the King, who gives us fellowship in the delight of his Mysteries, and let us say, Hallelujah!

### **Verses:**

Sing praise to the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is comely for the upright. Give thanks to him with the harp.

Come, let us give thanks to the Son of the King, who gives us fellowship in the delight of his Mysteries, and let us say, Hallelujah!