

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF SUMMER

### The Anthem of the Chancel

*We will give thanks to you for ever.*

Let us give thanks to Christ who has given us his Body and Blood, and has made us worthy by his grace of his gift to our race.

*For your loving-kindness and your truth.*

Let us give thanks to Christ who has given us his Body and Blood, and has made us worthy by his grace of his gift to our race.

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

O more glorious than all, higher than all, and exalted above all, keep your Church in your compassion, and save her children by your Cross.

### The Lections

Isaiah 30:1-14

"Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine; and who make a league, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking

for my counsel, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh, and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation. For though his officials are at Zoan and his envoys reach Hanes, every one comes to shame through a people that cannot profit them, that brings neither help nor profit, but shame and disgrace." An oracle on the beasts of the Negeb. Through a land of trouble and anguish, from where come the lioness and the lion, the viper and the flying serpent, they carry their riches on the backs of asses, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people that cannot profit them.

For Egypt's help is worthless and empty, therefore I have called her "Rahab who sits still." And now, go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness for ever.

For they are a rebellious people, lying sons, sons who will not hear the instruction of the LORD; who say to the seers, "See not"; and to the prophets, "Prophecy not to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophecy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more of the Holy One of Israel."

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on them; therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a break in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose crash comes suddenly, in

an instant; and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel which is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a sherd is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern."

### **The Shuraya**

Love the LORD, all you his righteous ones! \*

The LORD preserves the faithful, \*

But requites the wicked for their deeds. \*

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, \*

All you who hope in the LORD! \*

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 Thessalonians 2:14-3:all

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judea; for you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all men by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they may be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last! But since we were bereft of you, brethren, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face; because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy. Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in the gospel of Christ, to establish you in your faith and to exhort you, that no one be moved by these afflictions. You yourselves know that this is to be our lot. For when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction; just as it has come to pass, and as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent that I might know your faith, for fear that somehow the

tempter had tempted you and that our labor would be in vain. But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith; for now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **The Zumara**

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for my soul hopes in you; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge. \*

I will cry to God Most High, to God my Savior, who sends from heaven and delivers me, and puts to shame my enemies. \*

## The Gospel

St. Luke 18:2-14

[Jesus] said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give

tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### The Anthem of the Mysteries

**Text:** *Seraphim stand above, and all the host of heaven stand above.*

*Bless the Lord, you his angels.*

Cherubim, seraphim, and archangels stand in fear and trembling before the Altar, looking upon the priest who breaks and administers the Body of Christ for the pardon of debts.

*You his ministers who do his will.*

Cherubim, seraphim, and archangels stand in fear and trembling before the Altar, looking upon the priest who breaks and administers the Body of Christ for the pardon of debts.

## The Anthem of the Bema

Lo, the great and fearful Mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ is being administered within the Church for the pardon of debts and the salvation of our souls.

Companies of angels, with ten thousands of cherubim and hosts of seraphim, cry, "Holy, holy, you are holy, O Lord," and say, "Hallelujah!"

### Verses:

Let the mouths of men and angels cry out, "Glory to the Fashioner of all!"

Companies of angels, with ten thousands of cherubim and hosts of seraphim, cry, "Holy, holy, you are holy, O Lord," and say, "Hallelujah!"