

# Lectionary

*You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.*

## Midweek 8th July 2026 Trinity 5

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is  
governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful  
people, that in their vocation and ministry they may  
serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your  
name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First reading: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

A reading from the book of Hosea.

Israel is a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit. The more his fruit increased the more altars he built; as his country improved, he improved his pillars. Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt. The Lord will break down their altars, and destroy their pillars.

For now they will say: 'We have no king, for we do not fear the Lord, and a king—what could he do for us?' Samaria's king shall perish like a splinter on the face of the waters. The high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. Thorn and thistle shall grow up on their altars. They shall say to the mountains, Cover us, and to the hills, Fall on us.

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

This is the word of the Lord,  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Psalm 115:3-10

3. As for our God, he is in heaven; • he does whatever he pleases.  
4. Their idols are silver and gold, • the work of human hands.  
5. They have mouths, but cannot speak; • eyes have they, but cannot see;  
6. They have ears, but cannot hear; • noses have they, but cannot smell;  
7. They have hands, but cannot feel; feet have they, but cannot walk; • not a whisper do they make from their throats.

8. Those who make them shall become like them • and so will all who put their trust in them.  
9. But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord; • he is their help and their shield.  
10. House of Aaron, trust in the Lord; • he is their help and their shield.

This is the word of the Lord,  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.*

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably  
ordered by your governance, that your Church may  
joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

