

**Hymns & Readings for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July –  
Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10, Ordinary Time)**

**Introit**

Hark! the sound of holy voices,  
chanting at the crystal sea,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia! Lord, to thee!  
Multitude which none can number  
like the stars in glory stands,  
clothed in white apparel, holding  
palms of victory in their hands.

Patriarch, and holy prophet,  
who prepared the way for Christ,  
king, apostle, saint, confessor,  
martyr and evangelist,  
saintly maiden, godly matron,  
widows who have watched to prayer,  
joined in holy concert, singing  
to the Lord of all, are there.

They have come from tribulation,  
and have washed their robes in blood,  
washed them in the blood of Jesus;  
tried they were, and firm they stood;  
mocked, imprisoned, stoned, tormented,  
sawn asunder, slain with sword;  
they have conquered death and Satan  
by the might of Christ the Lord.

God of God, the One begotten,  
Light of light, Emmanuel,  
in whose body joined together  
all the saints forever dwell;  
pour upon us of thy fullness  
that we may for evermore  
God the Father, God the Son, and  
God the Holy Ghost adore.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807 – 1885)*

**Reading: Amos 7.7-15 (NRSVA)**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

<sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

**Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14 (NRSVA)**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

## Gradual Hymn

God has spoken – by the prophets,  
spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the One, the righteous Lord.  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holding fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
light of light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking – by the Spirit,  
speaking to our hearts again,  
in the age-long word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, the Word unchanging,  
God the first, and God the last.

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## Gospel Reading: Mark 6.14-29 (NRSVA)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup> But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## Offertory Hymn

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,  
fruits of labour, fruits of love,  
taken, offered, sanctified,  
blessed and broken, words of one who died;

*'Take my body, take my saving blood'.  
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,  
as he promised while on earth:  
'I am with you for all time,  
I am with you in this bread and wine.'

To the Father, with the Spirit,  
one in union with the Son,  
for God's people, joined in prayer,  
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

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## Closing Hymn

To God be the glory, great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life, an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate, that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby) (1820-1915)*