

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: July 5, 2026

Gathering Hymn

We will Extol You, Ever-Bless'd Lord H-404

All stand as able

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

*The first stanza may be repeated at the end.*

**Collect of the Day** *All stand as able*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

**First Reading** – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 *All may be seated.*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Genesis

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse, with the leader and **congregation** alternating verses.*

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

**My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.**

**Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.**

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

**for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.**

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

**The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.**

**Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."**

## **Second Reading – Romans 7:15-25a** *All remain seated.*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** – Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30 *All stand as able*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Offertory

Just As I Am, Without One Plea H-693

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
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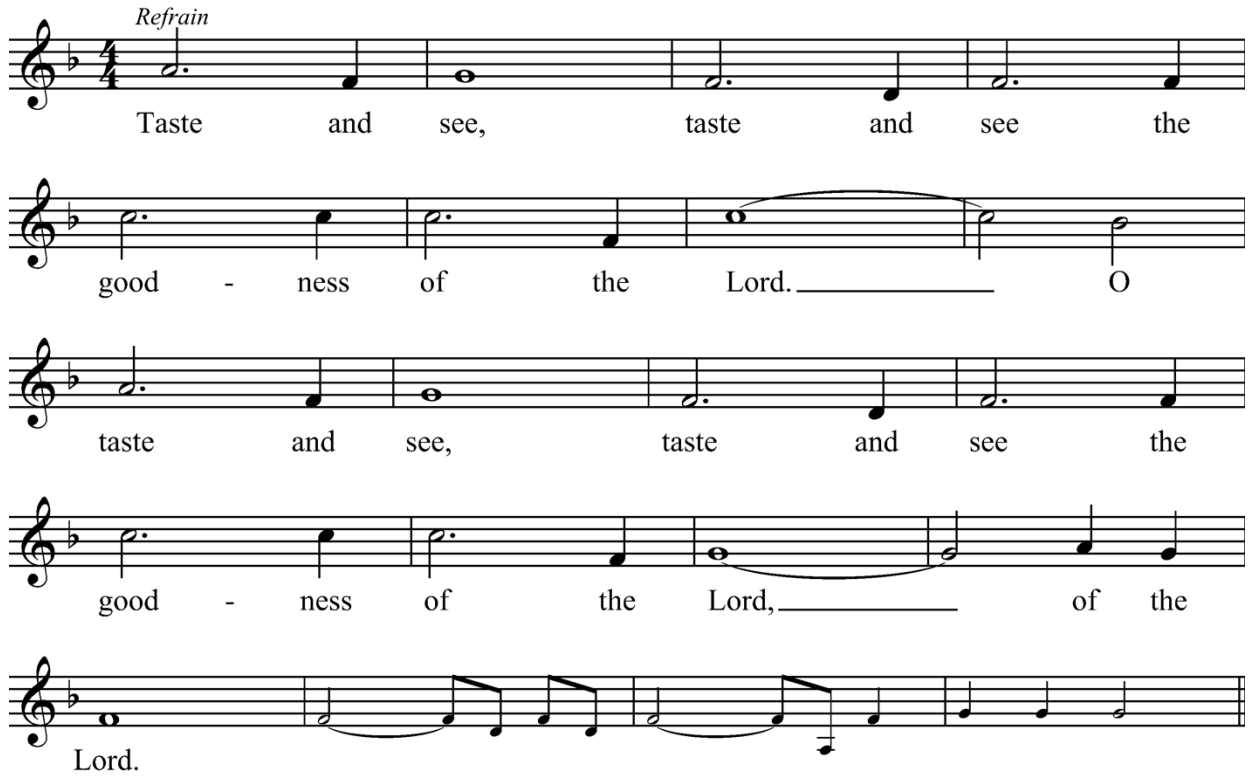
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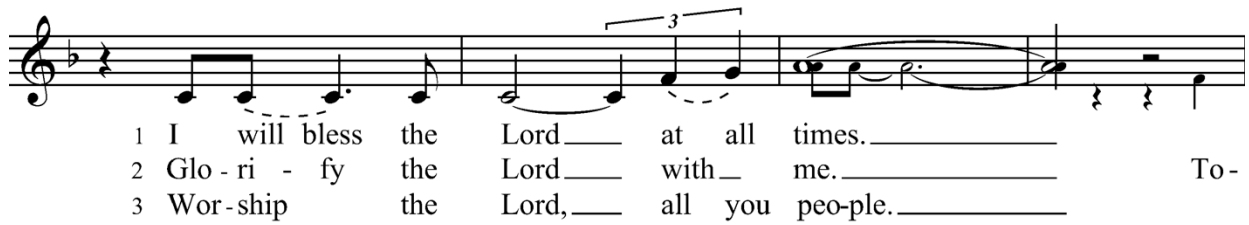
Communion

Taste and See MHSO-136

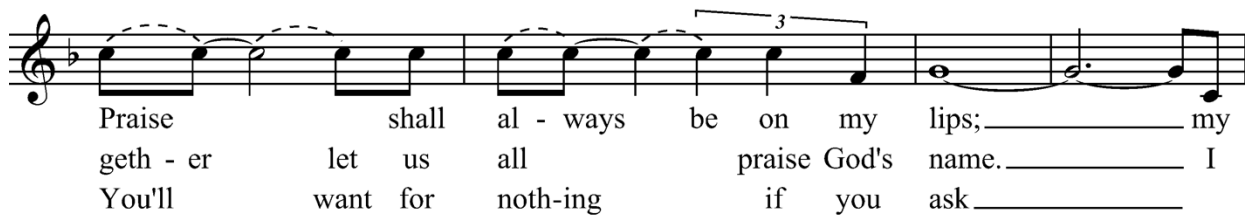
*Refrain*



Taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord. O  
 taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord, of the  
 Lord.



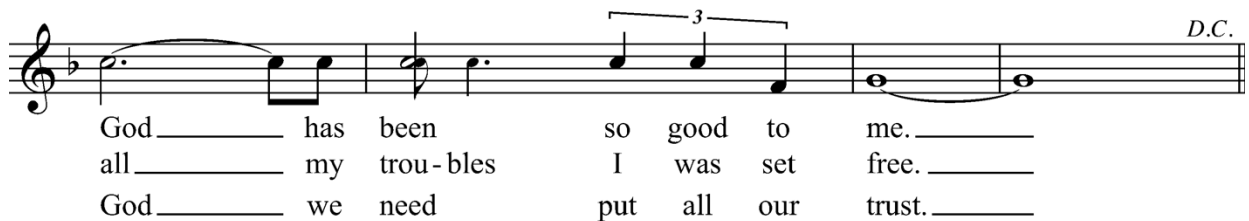
1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me. To-  
 3 Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips; my  
 geth - er let us all praise God's name. I  
 You'll want for noth-ing if you ask



soul shall glo - ry in the Lord for  
 called the Lord who an - swered me; from  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good; in



God has been so good to me.  
 all my trou-bles I was set free.  
 God we need put all our trust. *D.C.*

Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling H-657

All stand as able

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.