



The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches

—*Psalm 80:10*

WELCOME TO THE “ORDINARY TIME” OF PENTECOST!

There are six liturgical seasons in the church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost or “ordinary time.” The term “ordinary time” is not used in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), but the season after Pentecost can be considered ordinary time.

In the church year “ordinary” does not mean “regular.” Instead it refers to the word “ordinal” as in “ordinal numbers.” (first, second, third, fourth, etc.) This is the time of year when we count the Sundays as they go by. It is the season of growth in our faith and relationship with God and one another.

COLORS

The liturgical color for the season—green—signifies growth.

SEATING

Our seating for the season of Pentecost returns to a position in which we gently face toward one another as we look for the movement of the Spirit in the midst of our community, our lives, and our very selves.

THE BULLETIN COVER ART

Pilgrimage to the Cedars of Lebanon T. Csontváry Kosztka Hungarian National Gallery Budapest, Hungary

THE LECTIONARY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. There are three years—A, B and C—to the lectionary cycle. We are in Year C.

During the long green season after Pentecost, churches can choose one of two “tracks” (or strands) for the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) readings. Once a track is chosen, it should be used throughout the entire season.

The first track from Hebrew Scripture follows major stories and themes, read continuously from week to week. In Year C, we read from the later prophets. The second track of readings follows the Roman Catholic tradition of thematically pairing the Hebrew Scripture with the Gospel reading, often using a foretelling of Jesus Christ life and Ministry.

This Pentecost, St. Francis will use **track one** which follows the major and minor prophets Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel and Habbakuk.

BACKGROUND TO TODAY’S READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE:

Again, we hear from Isaiah in one of his best passages. In order to reach his audience he presents a parable about a vineyard that refuses to produce grapes and gets the audience’s agreement that it should be destroyed. Then he tells the people that Judah is God’s vineyard and has been unfruitful. Why are these stories from Isaiah important to us now? Because Prophets live among us today. God has a word for us today. In listening to the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures, we become practiced in looking for and listening to the prophets among us.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

H 411



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;



1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Standing*

Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader	<p>A reading from the Book of Isaiah.</p> <p>5:1-7</p> <p>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! The Word of the Lord.</p>
People	<p>Thanks be to God.</p>

Congregation reads bold verses.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 **You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.**
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 **You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.**
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 **They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 **And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader	A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.	11:29-12:2
	By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they	

had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* **IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE**

WLP 806

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free." The score ends with a double bar line.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er
pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple
free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple
free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 12:49-56

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. CHRISTINA RICH

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, and guided by the perfecter of our faith, let us bring our prayers before God, saying, "Behold your children, ***and restore us, O God of hosts.***"

After each prayer, all say, "and restore us, O God of hosts."

Presider Holy One, we bring our prayers to you, confident that you hear them; sure that you know even those prayers for which we do not yet have words. And all of these come to you through your Child, Jesus Christ, and the living Spirit that blows among us.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE

H 536

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,

o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O

roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

DOXOLOGY

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

H 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God all creatures here below.
 Praise God above you heavenly host:
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN

S 146



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

S 161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

BLESSING

Presider May God bless you and keep you.
 May God smile on you
 and be gracious to you.
 May God show you favor
 and give you peace.

People Amen.

Presider And may the blessing of the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you today and always.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

H 555

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

Presider Go forth into the world and share the loving, liberating and life-giving news of Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God.

People We will share the Good News! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

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