

## READINGS JUNE 7 2026

### Hosea 5:15-6:6

- <sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- 6** “Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is God who has torn, and God will heal us;  
God has struck down, and God will bind us up.
- <sup>2</sup>After two days God will revive us;  
on the third day God will raise us up,  
that we may live before the Lord.
- <sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
whose appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
God will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- <sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.
- <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

### Psalm 50:7-15

<sup>7</sup>“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
**for I am God, your God.**

<sup>8</sup>I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
**your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
**nor goats from your pens;**

<sup>10</sup>for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird of the mountains,  
**and the creatures of the fields are mine.**

<sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
**for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
**or drink the blood of goats?**

<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
**and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
**I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.**

### Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the ancestor of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the ancestor of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the ancestor of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what was promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Matthew 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**