Readings, psalm and collect for12th July.

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| *Collect* | | |
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|  |  | 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. | |
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|  |  | ***(or)*** | |
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|  |  | Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. | |
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|  |  | *Post Communion* | |
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|  |  | 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. | |

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
   and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
   giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,   
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
   it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
   and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy,  
   and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
   shall burst into song,  
   and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.   
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
   instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
   for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## Psalm 65

## Antiphon: To You, O God, shall all flesh come

## 1  Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦︎    to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. 2  To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦︎    when our misdeeds prevail against us,       you will purge them away. Antiphon: To You, O God, shall all flesh come

## 3  Happy are they whom you choose       and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦︎    We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,       even of your holy temple. 4  With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,       O God of our salvation, ♦︎    O hope of all the ends of the earth       and of the farthest seas. Antiphon: To You, O God, shall all flesh come

## 5  In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦︎    and are girded about with might. 6  You still the raging of the seas, ♦︎    the roaring of their waves       and the clamour of the peoples. 7  Those who dwell at the ends of the earth       tremble at your marvels; ♦︎    the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. Antiphon: To You, O God, shall all flesh come

## 8  You visit the earth and water it; ♦︎    you make it very plenteous. 9  The river of God is full of water; ♦︎    you prepare grain for your people,       for so you provide for the earth. 10  You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦︎    you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. Antiphon: To You, O God, shall all flesh come

## 11  You crown the year with your goodness, ♦︎    and your paths overflow with plenty. 12  May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦︎    and the hills be girded with joy. 13  May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦︎    and the valleys stand so thick with corn       that they shall laugh and sing. Antiphon: To You, O God, shall all flesh come

**Romans 8:1-11**

**Life in the Spirit**

8There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit[\*](javascript:void(0);) of life in Christ Jesus has set you[\*](javascript:void(0);) free from the law of sin and of death. 3For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin,[\*](javascript:void(0);) he condemned sin in the flesh, 4so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit[\*](javascript:void(0);) set their minds on the things of the Spirit.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit[\*](javascript:void(0);) is life and peace. 7For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, 8and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,[\*](javascript:void(0);) since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit[\*](javascript:void(0);) is life because of righteousness. 11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ[\*](javascript:void(0);) from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through[\*](javascript:void(0);) his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**The Parable of the Sower**

13That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9Let anyone with ears[\*](javascript:void(0);) listen!’