

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY
July 9, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PSALM - Psalm 145:8-15

8 The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
9 LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. **R**
10 All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
11 They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,
12 that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures
through- | out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all
your works.
14 The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD
and you give their food | in due season. **R**

READING - Romans 7:15-25a

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 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. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 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. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ 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."

²⁵ 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."