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**Lector: Our first reading is from the Book of Genesis.**

YHWH appeared to Abraham by the oak grove of Mamre, as Abraham sat at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Looking up, Abraham saw three travelers standing opposite him. When he saw them, Abraham ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, said, "If I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass by our tent. Let some water be brought, that you may wash your feet, and then rest yourselves beneath this tree. As you have come to your faithful one, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves. Afterward, you may go on your way." "Very well," they replied, "do as you have said."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quick! Take a bushel of fine flour and knead it into loaves of bread." Abraham then ran to the herd, selected a choice, tender calf, and gave it to the servant to prepare it. Then Abraham took cheese and milk and the calf which had been prepared, and placed it all before the travelers. He waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" Abraham said, "There, in the tent." One of the travelers said, "I will surely return to you this time next year, and Sarah your wife will then have a son."

**Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People Respond: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Lector: Our response is - He who does justice will live in the presence of God.  
People Repeat: He who does justice will live in the presence of God.**

Those who conduct themselves with integrity, and work for justice, who speak the truth from their heart; and do not use their tongue for slander.

**People Repeat: He who does justice will live in the presence of God.**

Who do not wrong their neighbors, nor casts no discredit on their friends; who look with contempt on the corrupt but honor those who revere YHWH.

**People Repeat: He who does justice will live in the presence of God.**

He who doesn't lend out his money for usury, nor take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things, shall never be shaken.

**People Repeat: He who does justice will live in the presence of God.**

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They are more precious than gold, than the purest of gold, And sweeter than honey, than honey fresh from the comb.

***People Repeat: He who does justice will live in the presence of God.***

**Lector: Our second reading is from the Letter from Saint Paul to the Colossians.**

Even now, I find my joy in the suffering I endure for you. In the scars on my body, I help Christ finish the job he began on the cross for the sake of Christ's Body, the Church. Just like God wanted, I am now a servant of the Church. God sent me so I could preach among you the Word in its fullness. It is a mystery, hidden from people who lived long ago. But now, revealed to God's holy ones. God's will was to make known to the Gentiles how rich and glorious this mystery was. It is the mystery of Christ in you, the hope of glory!

This is the Christ we proclaim while we admonish everyone and teach them in the full measure of God's wisdom, hoping to make everyone complete in our Savior.

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

***People Respond: Thanks be to God.***

## Gospel Acclamation

*Celebrant chants: Alleluia*

***People Respond (with chant): Alleluia.***

*Celebrant: Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

***People Respond (with chant): Alleluia.***

## Gospel

*Celebrant: Our God is with you.*

***People Respond: And also, with you.***

*Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

***People Respond: † Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

As they made their way to Jerusalem, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Martha had a sister named Mary who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to him teach. Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, dragged herself from here to there. So, she came to Jesus and asked, "Rabbi,

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don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to serve all these people? Tell her to help me!" Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, you're anxious and upset about so many things, but only a few things are necessary—really, only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

*Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.*

***People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant: O God, you are with us always, and so with confidence we offer our prayers and petitions before you.*

**Lector: Our response is "Lord Jesus, hear our prayer."**

- ✠ For the universal church: that our deeds of hospitality and service may reveal for us a glimpse of the face of God, for this, we pray:  
***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***
  
- ✠ That respect, kindness and the common good replace anger, violence, and war everywhere, and we especially pray for the people of Ukraine to know that God hears their cries, for this, we pray:  
***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***
  
- ✠ For all who are traveling during these summer weeks: that God will protect them, renew, and restore them during their time away and strengthen their bonds with loved ones, for this, we pray:  
***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***
  
- ✠ For all who are busy or overwhelmed about work: that God will free us from overworking, and help us to find rest in Him through a life-giving balance, for this, we pray:  
***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***
  
- ✠ That we will see Jesus in the unsheltered and disenfranchised, in the immigrant and refugee; in the imprisoned and abused; and in those who mourn and those who have lost their faith, for this, we pray:  
***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***

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✠ We pause to remember and speak the names of those who suffer with illness, especially our loved ones, that they may be blessed with comfort, hope and healing [Lector, please count to 6], for this, we pray:

***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***

✠ We pause to remember and speak the names of those who have gone home to God, especially our deceased loved ones and friends. Although they are gone from our sight, may we feel the presence of their Spirit and hold them forever in our hearts. [Lector, please count to 6], for this, we pray:

***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***

✠ For our unspoken prayers held deep within the silence of our hearts; we pray:

***People Respond: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant: God of all, we send these prayers to the care of your welcoming love, and we ask your help in seeing how to follow your answers. Grant this through Jesus the Christ who lives and reigns with you, one God, forever. Amen.*

***All: Amen.***