July 20, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and **mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask**; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for **in him all things in heaven and on earth were created**, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and **in him all things hold together**. He is the head of the body, **the church**; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. **I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.** I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, **the church**. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, **to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations** but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of **the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory. It is **he whom we proclaim**, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone **mature in Christ**.

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and **listened** to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that **my sister has left me to do all the work** by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen t**he better part, which will not be taken away** from her."

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, **as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day**. He looked up and saw **three men** standing near him. When he saw them, **he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.** He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, **do not pass by your servant**. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and **he stood by them** under the tree while they ate.

Psalm 15

1 **Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? ***
who may abide upon your holy hill?
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
6 **He does not give his money in hope of gain**, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.



Mary, Martha and Jesus by Vincent van Gogh