

June 7th, 2026 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, June 5–11

Lectionary 10

Appointing both Matthew and Romans, these Sundays exemplify the complexity of the Scriptures: each Bible reading nuances the others; what one reading says must stand next to what a quite different reading says; all three readings are in our ears. As the old saying goes, “Scripture interprets Scripture.”

[Hosea 5:15 —6:6](#)

Like the ancient Jews, we turn to God in penitence and thrive on the water of life. The Old Testament promise that God will heal prepares us to hear about Jesus’ healing miracles. Christians have seen in “spring rains” a metaphor for baptism.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

After hearing Hosea’s oracle, we respond by singing [Psalm 50:7-15](#), a song of festival praise. In nearly comic irony, God teases the people: do they think God needs the dead animals that they offer in sacrifice? The psalm, like the reading, praises a God who qualifies religious ritual in light of the divine call to faithfulness.

[Romans 4:13-25](#)

Jews, Christians, and Muslims all claim Abraham as their ancient ancestor. For Christians, it is neither Abraham’s ethnic identity nor his obedience that is essential, but rather his faith in a God who promises life.

[Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26](#)

Jesus not only preaches strict obedience to an intensified law: he also eats with sinners, thus himself breaking the law. So this Sunday Jesus eats with us, who have not always built our house upon him. Our faith can make us well, even if we are bleeding or dying.

