

JUNE 30, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Our faith remembers that joy will come.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life
Monday	Lamentations 3:22-33	There is still hope
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Generous giving
Wednesday	Nehemiah 8:9-12	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Thursday	Galatians 5:1, 13-26	Fruit of the Spirit and freedom
Friday	Proverbs 15:21-23	Helping others brings joy
Saturday	Psalms 30	God turns mourning into dancing
Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*For his [the LORD's] anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*
Psalm 30:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of unending grace, we pray for your healing touch that brings peace and joy to our lives and a thankful heart that gives you praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, during the good times and the bad, may this gift of food remind us that you are here to give us faith, hope, and love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the never-ending love of God give you faith and hope in Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Earth and All Stars!



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Have you ever experienced a time of joy after an illness or death happened? Explain.
- How does faith help you in tough times as well as in times of joy?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 30 and Mark 5:21-43.

This psalm gives real understanding and emotional depth to the lives described in Mark 5. It tells of the agony of a woman's 12-year illness and a father's losing and regaining a beloved daughter. Faith experiences major ups and downs with a need for persistence and hope, even in the midst of desperation. The psalmist knows this well and can speak for the characters in Mark 5 and for us. When life is good there is a blind confidence that cannot fathom future pain, and we say, "I shall never be moved" (Psalm 30:6). But, then we experience unbelievable anguish and grief. It catches us unprepared and we say, "O Lord, be my helper!" (v. 10). Faith accepts that we go from unimaginable abandonment to joy, but not just once. In the midst of the good times and the hard times we are urged to sing and pray the words of Psalm 30:5b. This verse has been described as a summary of the entire Book of Psalms. Faith, even in desperate times, believes joy eventually comes to stay forever.

Discuss: When have you gone through a tough time and looked back with a glad heart for God's goodness to you?

Pray: **God of steadfast love, help us to be humble of heart during times of joy and people of hope during times of pain and loss through Jesus Christ, our great Healer and Savior. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you care for someone experiencing loss and grief?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul wrote about financial giving. Christians are encouraged to give financially to the work of God's kingdom and for the wider needs of the world. Think or talk about giving to others through an offering collected in your home. Place a bowl or a basket in a visible place in your home to collect loose coins and dollars regularly.

Pray: **Dear Lord Jesus, help us to remember that you treated us with undeserved kindness by giving up all your riches so that we could become rich through you. Amen.**



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