

in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”



## 5 PENTECOST

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8



Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK TWO

Sunday, July 2, 2023

### COLLECT

*Traditional*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

THE PROPHET JEREMIAH spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine,

Scripture Text Bulletin Insert No. RCL 202026-RCL. The Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission. Collects and Psalter translation are from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979.

Printed in the U.S.A.

A

Copyright © Church Publishing Incorporated

BLB0306/300720-5

 CHURCH  
PUBLISHING  
INCORPORATED

and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

---

### Refrain

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.

---

#### Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; * from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.               | 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. |
| 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; * you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. | 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.                         |
| 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; * I have sworn an oath to David my servant:                            | 17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.                  |
| 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, * and preserve your throne for all generations.’”                            | 18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.                                 |

### SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

DO NOT LET SIN exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

JESUS SAID, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person