

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ➔ FIRST READING – Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

## → 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.

Reader  
***People***

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ➔ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;  
**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Shaun, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sylvia, our priest; Ken, our deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Hear us, Lord;  
**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept*

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**