

## **Monday June 15th**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

Lord strengthen my roots in the soil of your love.

Amen

### **Lectionary Reading John 1:1-18**

#### **The Word Became Flesh**

**John 1:1** In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:2** From the very beginning the Word was with God.

**John 1:3** Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him.

**John 1:4** The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people.

**John 1:5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

**John 1:6** God sent his messenger, a man named John,

**John 1:7** who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe.

**John 1:8** He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light.

**John 1:9** This was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all people.

**John 1:10** The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him.

**John 1:11** He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him.

**John 1:12** Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children.

**John 1:13** They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

**John 1:14** The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

**John 1:15** John spoke about him. He cried out, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'He comes after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.' "

**John 1:16** Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another.

**John 1:17** God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**John 1:18** No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## Singing the Faith No. 181

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| 1 Of the Father's love begotten<br>ere the worlds began to be, he is<br>Alpha and Omega,<br>he the source, the ending he, of the<br>things that are, that have been,<br>and that future years shall see,<br>evermore and evermore.               | whom the voices of the prophets<br>promised in their faithful word ;<br>now he shines, the long-expected ;<br>let creation praise its Lord, evermore<br>and evermore.   |
| 2 By his word was all created ;<br>he commanded, it was done ;<br>earth and sky and boundless ocean,<br>universe of three in one ;<br>all that sees the moon's soft<br>radiance,<br>all that breathes beneath the sun,<br>evermore and evermore. | 4 O you heights of heaven, adore him ;<br>angel hosts, his praises sing ;<br>all dominions, bow before him,<br>and extol our God and King ;<br>let no tongue on earth be silent,<br>every voice in concert sing,<br>evermore and evermore ! |
| 3 This is he whom seers in old time<br>chanted of with one accord,   | Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348–c. 413)<br><i>translated by</i> John Mason Neale (1811–<br>1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821–<br>1877) CCLI. No.287592  |

## Psalm 53

### **There Is None Who Does Good**

**Psalm 53:1** Fools say to themselves, "There is no God." They are all corrupt, and they have done terrible things; there is no one who does what is right.

**Psalm 53:2** God looks down from heaven at people to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.

**Psalm 53:3** But they have all turned away; they are all equally bad. Not one of them does what is right, not a single one.

**Psalm 53:4** "Don't they know?" God asks. "Are these evildoers ignorant? They live by robbing my people, and they never pray to me."

**Psalm 53:5** But then they will become terrified, as they have never been before, for God will scatter the bones of the enemies of his people. God has rejected them, and so Israel will totally defeat them.

**Psalm 53:6** How I pray that victory will come to Israel from Zion. How happy the people of Israel will be when God makes them prosperous again!

### Closing Hymn 642 and Prayer

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| 1 When I'm feeling down and sad,<br>nothing much to make me glad,<br>help me to remember,<br>you are there for me. | help me to remember,<br>you are still with me.   |
| 2 When things seem so different, and<br>very hard to understand,<br>help me to remember,<br>you are close to me.   | 4 When I'm crying, deep inside,<br>harder than I've ever cried,<br>help me to remember,<br>you are loving me. Amen CCLI 287592 |
| 3 When no-one has time for me,<br>nothing's like it used to be,  |  |

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