

# 19 June, 2022: The First Sunday after Trinity

## First Reading

### **A reading from Isaiah (65:1-9)**

The Lord says,

"I was ready to respond, but no one asked for help. I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am!' to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> All day long I opened my arms to a rebellious people. But they follow their own evil paths and their own crooked schemes.

<sup>3</sup> All day long they insult me to my face by worshiping idols in their sacred gardens. They burn incense on pagan altars.

<sup>4</sup> At night they go out among the graves, worshiping the dead. They eat the flesh of pigs and make stews with other forbidden foods.

<sup>5</sup> Yet they say to each other, 'Don't come too close or you will defile me! I am holier than you!' These people are a stench in my nostrils, an acrid smell that never goes away.

<sup>6</sup> "Look, my decree is written out in front of me: I will not stand silent; I will repay them in full! Yes, I will repay them—

<sup>7</sup> both for their own sins and for those of their ancestors," says the Lord.

"For they also burned incense on the mountains and insulted me on the hills. I will pay them back in full!

<sup>8</sup> "But I will not destroy them all," says the Lord. "For just as good grapes are found among a cluster of bad ones (and someone will say, 'Don't throw them all away—some of those grapes are good!'), so I will not destroy all Israel. For I still have true servants there.

<sup>9</sup> I will preserve a remnant of the people of Israel and of Judah to possess my land. Those I choose will inherit it, and my servants will live there.

This is the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

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## Second Reading

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (3:23-29)**

<sup>23</sup> Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

<sup>24</sup> Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. <sup>25</sup> And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

<sup>26</sup> For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

This is the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**