# Readings & Gospel Reading for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## First Reading

### *Genesis 18.1-10a*

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The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, ʻMy lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on−since you have come to your servant.ʼ So they said, ʻDo as you have said.ʼ ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ʻMake ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.ʼ ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, ʻWhere is your wife Sarah?ʼ And he said, ʻThere, in the tent.ʼ ¹⁰Then one said, ʻI will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.ʼ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

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

# Second Reading

## Colossians 1.15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; [16]for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers−all things have been created through him and for him. [17]He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18]He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. [19]For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,[20]and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [22]he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him− [23]provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ᾽s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. [25]I became its servant according to God᾽s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,[26]the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. [27]To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [28]It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 10.38-end*

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' 41But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**