

Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

6th July 2026

First reading

Hosea 2:14, 15c-16, 19-20

‘I will betroth you to me for ever.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

‘And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me “My Husband”, and no longer will you call me “My Baal.”

‘And I will betroth you to me for ever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R8a

The Lord is kind and full of compassion.

I will bless you day after day, and praise your name for ever and ever.

The Lord is great and highly to be praised; his greatness cannot be measured.

Age to age shall proclaim your works, shall declare your mighty deeds.

They will tell of your great glory and splendour, and recount your wonderful works.

They will speak of your awesome deeds, recount your greatness and might.

They will recall your abundant goodness, and sing of your righteous deeds with joy.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death
and brought life to light through the gospel.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:18-26

‘My daughter has just died, but come, and she will live.’

At that time: While Jesus was saying these things, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.’ Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, ‘Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.

Short reflection on the reading for today

There is a powerful, cosmic truth about every moment in our earthly life with our Saviour. He sees you. He sees me. And he speaks to us. Today we hear of two miracles.

And when he speaks to the woman with the issue of blood, he says, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." Faith, at its root, is trust. Trust is a great English word, related to tree and truth and trust. Sturdy, dependable. Trustworthy. Her reliance on Jesus, her trust in him, made her well. Jesus healed her instantly in response to her faith.

Then we hear of the second miracle.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He is the way, the truth, and the life. In him is life. He came so that we might have life, and life abundantly. Nothing can stop him. Not even death. Here, and in all the miracles of Mark, Jesus just performs miracles. He doesn't pray for God to intervene or use some other agent like Aaron's staff, as the prophets in the OT had. He doesn't say, "In the name of God..." like how the Apostles say, "In the name of Jesus Christ." He just heals.

No one else in ancient history about whom miracle tales are told does this. They always defer to God if they're Jewish or Christian, or maybe they use magic or a pagan deity or demon if they aren't. But they don't just go around performing miracles on their own power. The only person who does that is God. And this truth is: God is Jesus.