



# 6th Sunday after Pentecost

## + Sunday, July 4, 2021 +

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### Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Psalmody

*Psalm 123*

L: To you I lift up my eyes,

**C: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

L: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

**C: so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

L: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**C: Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Hymn

#966

[1] Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our king!

[2] The nation You have blest  
May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
For this fair land--  
Gifts of Your hand--  
Our thanks we pay.

[3] May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise  
A grateful song.

[4] Earth, hear your Maker's voice;  
Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice,  
And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride,  
Your sin deplore,  
And bow before  
The Crucified.

[5] And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending toms  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!

## Old Testament

## Ezekiel 2:1-5

*And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

*I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for*

*you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my  
weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon  
me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with  
weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and  
calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

**Mark 6:1-13**

*He went away from there and came to his hometown,  
and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he  
began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard  
him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get  
these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are  
such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the  
carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and  
Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here  
with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to  
them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his  
hometown and among his relatives and in his own  
household.” And he could do no mighty work there,  
except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and  
healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.  
And he went about among the villages teaching. And he  
called the twelve and began to send them out two by  
two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He  
charged them to take nothing for their journey except a  
staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to  
wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to  
them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you  
depart from there. And if any place will not receive you  
and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off  
the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”  
So they went out and proclaimed that people should*

*repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

#647

[1] Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,  
You are her one foundation;  
In You she trusts, before You bows,  
And waits for Your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure,  
Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay  
And all things pass away.  
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

[2] O Lord, let this Your little flock,  
Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in Your loving care,  
True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord,  
And Your saving Word  
To us, Lord, pure retain.  
Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.

[3] Help us to serve You evermore  
With hearts both pure and lowly;  
And may Your Word, that light divine,  
Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show,  
In faith ever grow;  
The pow'r of sin destroy  
And evils that annoy.  
O make us faithful Christians.

[4] And for Your Gospel let us dare  
To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross,  
To find in You all pleasure.  
O grant us steadfastness  
In joy and distress,  
Lest we, Lord, You forsake.  
Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and gladness.

**Sermon** (video available <https://youtu.be/PiVrq62EKyQ>)

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Collect**

L: O God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of your heavenly treasures; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn**

**#583**

[1] God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal;  
God the first, and God the last.

[2] God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
He reveals our God to us.

[3] God is speaking by His Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
God the first, and God the last.