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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

from With One Voice

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "O God beyond All Praising"

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O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty, our sac - ri - fice of praise.

THE GREETING & DIALOG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;

just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Refrain

Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

III For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All

na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,

Refrain

for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *God Bless America*

Robert Gustafson

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

2 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

THE PSALM

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,**

³so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he show us his mercy.

⁴**Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

⁵too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person 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. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Word of Life”



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ 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. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went

out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heav'n de -
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre -
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be - yond all

scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and
 a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, cru - ci -
 blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our
 tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove, God the

hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y, we re -
 fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the world re -
 tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y
 Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to all truth

vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
 lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

THE SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(silence for reflection and self examination.)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,**

**To the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
Agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 3



(Advent to Transfiguration) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Lent to Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Season after Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,
let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen

HYMN: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" vs 1,2

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My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free-dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free-dom ring.
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE