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"Equipping Disciples to Make Disciples for Jesus"



SIXTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 3, 2021, 6:00 pm and Sunday, July 4, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

As We Gather

When Israel was in exile, God called Ezekiel to speak for Him to tell the truth to Israel. The Lord made no promises about results, but at least the people would recognize that a prophet had been among them. After His hometown did not believe His Messiahship, Jesus still sent out the Twelve to the surrounding towns. Not only did He instruct them about what to do or say, He also prepared them for rejection and how to respond to it. Now it is our turn, as we are called to tell others the truth about sin and grace. But we might think we are not up to the task. Here, Paul is our model, for he was well aware of his limitations, including his thorn in the flesh. Rather than keep silent, he spoke and wrote, confident that God's power was made perfect in weakness. Our worship today is a reminder that above all else, the truth reveals God's great love for us in Christ.

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn

God of Our Fathers

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Your people, O God, were a rebellious people in Ezekiel's day.

C **We, too, have rebelled against Your good and gracious will. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and action. Forgive us and open our ears to Your promises.**

P In great love, God sends His word of mercy and forgiveness. Now He uses Word and Sacrament and one another to assure us of the grace that is readily available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and in His stead, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace in our hearts and calm in our nation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace among nations, growth in the Church, unity of faith, and proclamation among all believers, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For ourselves gathered here and all who join us wherever they are, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help us in our weakness, comfort us in setbacks, and defend us from all evil, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:1–5 (ESV) p. 693

The prophet is sent to "a rebellious house."

¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ 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. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵ 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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (ESV) p. 970

Paul endures a thorn in the flesh, but God's power shows forth when Paul is weak

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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—⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

God Bless America

God bless America

Land that I love

Stand beside her

And guide her

Through the night with the light from above

**From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans
White with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home**

**From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans
White with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God bless America
My home sweet home**

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Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1–13 (ESV) p. 841

After people in Jesus' hometown do not believe, He sends out the disciples, who heal many in other towns

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² 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? 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 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged 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 put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ 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." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances.

For peace and harmony between nations,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For new insights into the workings of God's good creation,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For answers to the prayers of (*names*), and all who call to God for healing, comfort, or any other need,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** For these and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, that You would grant them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

SACRAMENT

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.

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB #570

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB #739

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on. Refrain**

Refrain
Glory, glory? Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Halleluah!
Glory, glory? Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.** *Refrain*

Benediction

Closing Hymn

God Bless Our Native Land

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