

Sunday 7 July 2024 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward
you

that we, loving you in all things and
above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*A reading from the book of the
prophet Ezekiel.*

The heavens were opened, and I saw
visions of God. When I saw this, I fell
on my face, and I heard the voice of
someone speaking. He said to me: O
mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will
speak with you. And when he spoke
to me, a spirit entered into me and
set me on my feet; and I heard him
speaking to me. 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. The descendants are
impudent and stubborn. I am sending
you to them, and you shall say to them,

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "Whether
they hear or refuse to hear (for they are
a rebellious house), they shall know that
there has been a prophet among them.

Or **2 Samuel 5:1-5. 9-10**

PSALM Psalm 123

R *Our eyes wait upon the Lord our
God.*

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

As the eyes of servants look to the
hand of their master,
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of
her mistress,

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our
God,
until he have mercy upon us. **R**

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

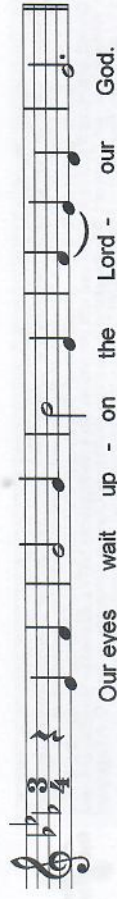
Our soul has had more than enough of
the scorn of the arrogant,
and of the contempt of the proud. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Corinthians.*

I 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. And I know that such a person
– whether in the body or out of the
body I do not know; God knows – was
caught up into Paradise and heard
things that are not to be told, that
no mortal is permitted to repeat. On
behalf of such a one I will boast, but on
my own behalf I will not boast, except
of my weaknesses. But 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, even 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. Three
times I appealed to the Lord about this,
that it would leave me, but 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. Therefore 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 Mark 6:1-13

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark.*

Jesus came to his home town, and his
disciples followed him. 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!
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 offence at
him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets
are not without honour, except in their
home town, and among their own kin,
and in their own house." And he could
do no deed of power there, except that
he laid his hands on a few sick people
and cured them. And he was amazed
at their unbelief. Then he went about
among the villages teaching. He called
the twelve and began to send them out
two by two, and gave them authority
over the unclean spirits. He ordered
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 to put on two tunics. He said
to them, "Wherever you enter a house,
stay there until you leave the place. 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." So they
went out and proclaimed that all should
repent. They cast out many demons,
and anointed with oil many who were
sick and cured them.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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