

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 7, 2024

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

READINGS: EZEKIEL 2:1-5; PSALM 123; 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10; MARK 6:1-13

Our Readers: Kathie Groschner & Jeanne Poleski

Hymn 680: O God, Our Help In Ages Past, Our Hope For Years To Come

### THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Trisagion is sung once by the cantor, then twice by all.*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy on us.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

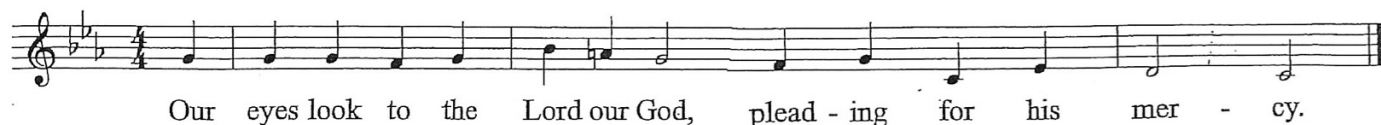
### A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

In our Hebrew scripture lesson, Ezekiel receives his prophetic commission: he is to speak the words of the Lord fearlessly to the rebellious people of Israel.

The Lord 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123. Those who are lowly and scorned place their trust in the merciful Lord. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.



To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy. R. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the decision of the proud. R.

### A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

In this epistle lesson, Paul tells of both exaltation and infirmity, and the discovery of a strength that comes through weakness. The Corinthians wanted to boast of their revelations and visions. Paul tells them about his ecstatic experience.

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*all stand*

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! All: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, 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 offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

## Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## A Litany for Our Country

O Lord, we praise you:

That you have created us for freedom in your creation, that you have re-created us for freedom under your Gospel; that you enable us to keep your law in freedom and love.

We confess:

We often neglect our rights; we often abuse our privileges; we often avoid our obligations.

Keep us:

From selfishness that stifles freedom; from narrow-mindedness that limits freedom,  
from hatred that destroys freedom.

Enable people everywhere:

To live under free government; to hear of the freedom of your Gospel; and to know true freedom  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose Name we ask all of this. Amen.

*Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.*

In our Diocese: Church at Crossroads, in Detroit; St. Luke's in Ferndale. In the Anglican Communion: Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. For those on our prayer list: Christopher, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Bill Steiner, Ed Haug, Nina, Vicki, Jim Veit, Lynn Kerber. For Ed Gaffney, recovering from surgery.

We pray for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God of mercy and healing, you hear the cries of those in need: receive these petitions of your people, that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Receive also our penitence and forgive our sins; and all this we pray through the mercy of your Name. **Amen.**

May God's peace be with you always. **And also with you.** *The people may greet each other briefly.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.*

### Hymn (insert): Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory Of The Coming Of The Lord

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. We hear His message in the vision of our country's founders, as they fashioned a nation where we might live as one. His message lives on in our midst, as our task for today, and a promise for tomorrow. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
2 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.*

**Alleluia.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

*After all have received, please stand and pray together:*

God of love, may we who have taken holy things grow in unity and peace. Let this Holy Communion strengthen our witness to you and our care for both country and community. Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Hymn 720, vs. 1: O Say Can You See, By The Dawn's Early Light

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