# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- PROPER 9

**JULY 4, 2021** 

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening hymn O God of every nation 607 (hymnal)

Opening Acclamation 355 (prayer book)

Collect for purity 355 (prayer book)

Hymn of Praise 822 (WLP)



Collect of the Day 230 (prayer book)

I reading—Ezekiel 2:1-5

Reader: A reading from Ezekiel

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God** 

Psalm 123

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.

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 derision of the proud.

II reading—2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Reader: A reading from Second 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God** 

Gospel—Mark 6:1-13

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

## People: Glory to you, O 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

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Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
The Nicene Creed		358 (prayer book)
Prayers of the People		
Confession		360 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)
Hymn (Please Stand)	God bless our native land	716 (hymnal)
The Great Thanksgiving		361 (prayer book)
The Lord's Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Breaking of the Bread		364 (prayer book)
Post Communion Prayer		365 (prayer book)
Blessing		
Closing hymn	O beautiful for spacious skies	719 (hymnal)
Dismissal		340 (prayer book)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

#### Leader

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our bishop, Cathy our rector; for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

silence

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.
silence
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
For abundant fruits of the earth and for this good and bountiful world.
silence
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love especially Andy & Sandy Spitler and Trevor & Erica Frey.
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Lord, in your mercy.  Hear our prayer.
Tieur our prayer.
For all those in desperate need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Andy Darrohn, Jenna Reese, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Renny Martin, Bruce Lewis, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, Frank, Liz and those we now name with our lips or in our hearts.
silence
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed.
For those concerns you bring before God this day
silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord.* 

Celebrant.

God of eternal life, you built a house of faithful people: Have mercy on all who gather in your name and grant our prayers for all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



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