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**“Bringing God’s Love to the World in
Worship, Witness, and Service.”**

First Reading:

Ezekiel 2:1-5

1[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He 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. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm:

Psalm 123

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

2As 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 you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

4too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading:

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 (p.188)

Gospel:

Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.2On 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! 3Is 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. 4Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If 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.” 12So 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.

Sermon

The Rev. Dwight Anderson

Hymn of the Day: ***“Let Justice Flow like Streams”***
#717

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Meal

Offertory: *“Come, Thou Fount”* arr. Lloyd Larson

Offering Hymn: ***“We Give Thee but Thine Own”***
#686

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p.190)

Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

The table of Christ is open to all who believe. You are welcome to come to this meal. We believe that the risen Christ meets us here in person to offer us forgiveness and strength to live our lives of faith. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available; just ask the servers. Please take a moment to fill out our communication card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Lamb of God (p.191)

Communion Hymns:

“Sing Out, Earth and Skies” #839
(Hymnal Supplement - Burgundy hymnal)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #807

“Morning Has Broken” #556

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Sending of Communion

Blessing

Sending Song: ***“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”***
#538

Dismissal

Postlude: ***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***
arr. Paul Manz

Trumpeter: John Hofmann

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INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

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| K E Y | <p>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mark 6:30-31</p> |
| R E A D I N G S | <p>Preparing for Sunday, July 22</p> <p>Day 1 - Jeremiah 23:1-6</p> <p>Day 2 - Psalm 23</p> <p>Day 3 - Ephesians 2:11-22</p> <p>Day 4 - Mark 6:30-34; 53-56</p> <p>Day 5 - Exodus 20:8-10</p> <p>Day 6 - Isaiah 40:29-31</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Sunday readings in bold.</p> |
| A P P L Y | <p>It’s hard to believe we are almost halfway through the summer. While the beautiful weather gives us plenty of opportunities to rest and escape from the busyness of the school year and work demands, how quickly our schedules still fill up in this “offseason.” The disciples were all too familiar with this. Their seemingly non-stop teaching, traveling and the care that others required from them left them worn-out and needing a break. Jesus knew how important rest would be to sustain them for their long-term ministry. How do you make time for rest in the midst of all that life brings? What places have you found best renew your mind and body to do God’s work in the world?</p> |
| P R A Y E R | <p>Life-giving God-</p> <p>We give thanks for the people and places that refuel our hearts and our hands to share your love wherever we go. In our times away this summer, give us opportunities not only to relax and renew, but to enjoy community with family, friends and those we have yet to meet. Help us to make the most of every moment you have given us. Thank you for the gift of time-time to care for ourselves and others and time to spend with you. May our presence in these spaces sustain us as we live and serve you. Amen.</p> |

Devotions written by Trinity members.