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## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

### Opening Hymn #765 WS *Christ High-Ascended*

1. Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,  
Throned and exalted, victory completed,  
Death's dread dominion finally defeated--  
We are His witnesses.

2. Christ, from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,  
Who on His chosen lifted hands in blessing,  
Sends forth His servants, still in faith confessing--  
We are His witnesses.

3. Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,  
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;  
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation--  
We are His witnesses.

4. Christ in His splendor, all dominion gaining,  
Christ with His people evermore remaining,  
Christ to all ages gloriously reigning--  
We are His witnesses.

5. As at His parting, joy shall banish grieving,  
Faith in His presence strengthen our believing;  
Filled with His Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,  
We are His witnesses.

## Invocation

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Confession & Absolution

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

**C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## The Kyrie

**C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C ♪: And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The First Reading – Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 123**

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*Antiphon – Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.*

1 To you I lift | up my eyes,\*

**O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!**

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her | mistress,\*  
**so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy  
up- | on us.**

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy up- | on us,\*  
**for we have had more than enough | of contempt.**

4 Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who |  
are at ease,\*  
**of the contempt | of the proud.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **The Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

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

### **Verse of the Day – Mark 6:13**

Alleluia. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel Reading – Mark 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>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.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**Confession of Faith**  
***The Nicene Creed***

***P & C:*** 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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 of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #512**  
***O Christ, Our True and Only Light***

1. O Christ, our true and only Light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Thy voice  
And in Thy fold with us rejoice.

2. Fill with the radiance of Thy grace

The souls now lost in error's maze  
And all whom in their secret minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3. Oh, gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let every conscience sore opprest  
In Thee find peace and heavenly rest.

4. Oh, make the deaf to hear Thy Word  
And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord,  
Who dare not yet the faith avow,  
Though secretly they hold it now.

5. Shine on the darkened and the cold,  
Recall the wanderers to Thy fold,  
Unite all those who walk apart,  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

6. So they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wondering thanks adore  
And endless praise to Thee be given  
By all Thy Church in earth and heaven.

### **Sermon Text – Mark 6:1-13**

#### **Sermon**

***The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to  
Forgive Sins and Give Life***

#### **Offertory**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit  
within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take  
not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy  
salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: We bless You, Lord, for You have heard the voice of our pleas for mercy and sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our strength and shield. Save Your people and bless Your heritage forever.

**1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,  
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way**

P: Send laborers into Your harvest, Lord. Preserve Your ministers among us devoted to Your Word and to prayer. Give many servants to Your Church, that neither the preaching nor the care of Your people may fall into neglect or disregard.

**And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,  
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.**

P: O Lord, soften the hearts of Your people in every home. Turn parents and children toward each other in love and patience. Banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all. Sanctify us in Your truth.

**2 From days of old, through blind and willful  
ages,  
Though we rebelled, you gently sought again**

P: Gracious Lord, You have revealed Your righteousness in the sight of the nations: Christ Jesus, Your holy arm. By His death and resurrection, You have worked salvation. Strengthen the song of Your Church. Give skill to musicians, poets and artists. Give boldness to Your congregation in this and every place to sing the eternally new song of Christ.

**And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.**

P: Almighty God, protect and defend our nation from its enemies. Support our leaders, and preserve them from temptation. Through the work of all civil authorities, enable us to live a quiet and peaceable life according to Your Word.

**3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;**

P: Father, in our weakness we are strong for the sake of Christ, whose grace is sufficient for every need. Give comfort to those whose pain is chronic, whose suffering is unknown, who wrestle with difficult thorns in body or mind, or who are tempted to despair. [*Intercede also on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_.*] In weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities, let us boast in Christ and His cross, by which we and our sufferings are sanctified.

**And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,  
See your compassion in the Savior's face.**

P: Bountiful God, out of Your abundant blessing You satisfy us with Christ, the bread of life. Give repentance and faith to all who commune this day, that finding refuge in Your Son's true body and blood, we may taste and see that You are good.

**4 To all the world Your summons You are sending,  
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.**

## **The Communion Liturgy**

*P: The Lord be with you:*

**C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.**

*P: Lift up your hearts:*

**C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:*

**C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:*

### **The Sanctus**

**C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*P: 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;*

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The Agnus Dei**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

### **The Distribution**

#### **The Nunc Dimittis**

**C ♪: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,  
According to Thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles**

**And the Glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

### **The Thanksgiving**

*P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:*

**C ♪: And His mercy endureth forever.**

### **The Benediction**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #427**

#### ***How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord***

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. In every condition, -- in sickness, in health,  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea, --  
The Lord, the Almighty, they strength e'er shall be.
3. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
4. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
5. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
6. "E'en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,

Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

7. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"

### **Silent Prayer**

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