

SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024
6th 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.



1st Reading - Ezekiel 2.1-5

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.

Psalm - from Psalm 123

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. **℟**

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. **℟**

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

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

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 Prayer

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.



Have mer-cy up-on us, O Lord, have mer-cy.