



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

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The Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Commentary:

In referring to his vision, Paul spoke of himself in the third person, probably to minimize the appearance of boasting. What Paul heard in heaven was a personal message, there is no indication that he ever revealed what God had said to him. However, the message had the effect of strengthening Paul's faith and giving him the assurance that God would richly reward his sufferings. Paul was in no danger of becoming overly impressed with himself, he had been given a thorn in his flesh, a reminder of his human limitations. Paul desperately wanted the thorn removed, but God intended something better, though not more comfortable. God used the thorn to teach Paul dependence on God and the sufficiency of His grace. Paul learned that success does not depend on natural abilities, but on God's power at work in and through His servants.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:1–13)

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Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Chris Hamby

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