



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I  
8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323
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O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson: Romans 7:15–25a** The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1030

*Commentary: In these verses, Paul described with great intensity his personal struggle with sin. Paul's sinful human nature influenced him to such an extent that he found himself doing willingly the very things he despised intellectually. Paul identified his double failure: in his own strength, he could not overcome evil nor could he accomplish good. Paul realized that sin had affected every part of his personality, he knew that he should obey the Mosaic law but found himself rebelling against it. The battle with temptation was agonizing for Paul and he longed for deliverance, which he found in the one place deliverance is offered to everyone, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30** *NRSV*, p. 889

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of

Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*

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