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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



**Pastor**

Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



*July 4, 2021*  
*Sixth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

# Gathering

## ✠INTRODUCTION

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

## ✠CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C **God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

## ✠GATHERING HYMN – We Praise You, O God (ELW #870)

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

### ✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## Word

### ✠FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

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

- L The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
until he has mercy upon us.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

<sup>4</sup>**Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

## ✠ SECOND LESSON – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL – Mark 6:1-13

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>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! <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>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>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 ordered 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 to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✠ SERMON

## ✠HYMN OF THE DAY – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW #708)

### *Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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## ✠PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A God of salvation, we pray for churches around the world: sustain those churches that experience persecution or harassment; and give wisdom to churches in free societies, that we might live according to your word. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of creation, we pray for your earth: protect the natural beauty in our national and local parks and forests; and guide the decisions of all who care for and work on the land. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of righteousness, we pray for the nations: bestow your peace throughout the world; raise up prophets to speak truth to power; uphold those who work for human rights; and protect the poor and the refugee. On this Fourth of July, we ask that you bless the United States: free us from prejudices, and grant to our elected leaders a passion for justice and a will to serve all the people. Protect from danger those who celebrate this day. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of compassion, we pray for the sick and suffering: for the victims of disasters; for all indigenous peoples around the globe; for those deprived of their freedom; for those facing the Delta COVID contagion; and especially for those we name here before you now, silently or aloud. . . .Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of faithfulness, we pray for ourselves: be with each of us on our many journeys, and graciously receive our personal petitions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of eternal love, we thank you for all your saints, those who have served their nation, and those who ministered beyond national boundaries. At the end of all things, bring us all into the kingdom of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves, our nation, and all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ✠PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## Meal

## ✠GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

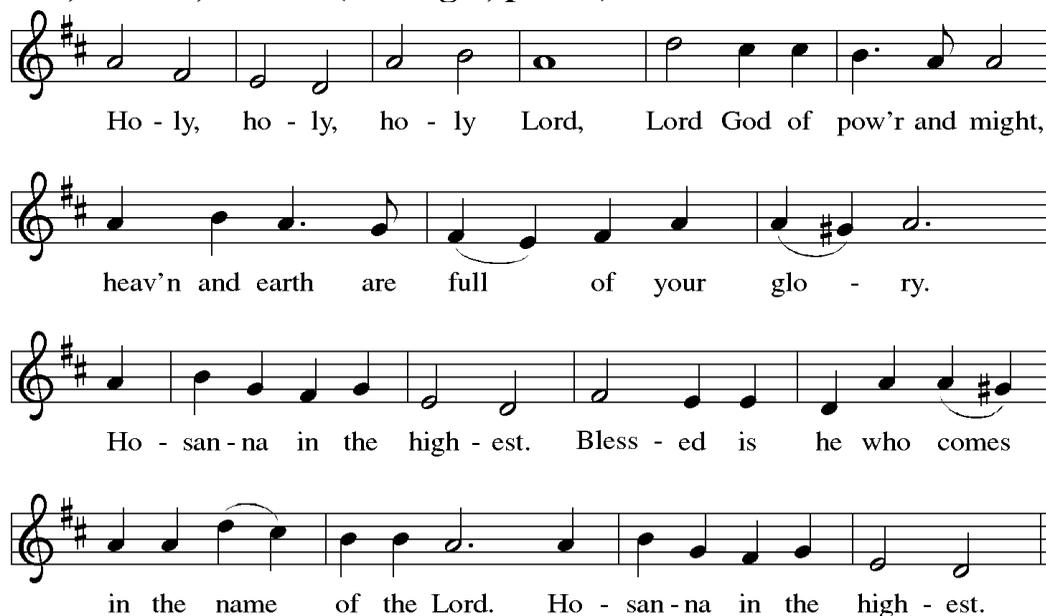
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### ✠ Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ✠ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### ✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### ✠ COMMUNION HYMN – I Received the Living God (ELW #477)

*Refrain*

I received the living God,  
and my heart is full of joy.  
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and my heart is full of joy.

- 1 Jesus said: I am the bread,  
kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me  
need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*
- 2 Jesus said: I am the way,  
and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home  
to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

- 3 Jesus said: I am the truth;  
come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart,  
and my word shall make you free.

*Refrain*

- 4 Jesus said: I am the life,  
far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread,  
and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

## ✠ BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ SENDING HYMN – Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW #733)

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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## ✠ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## ✠ **SERVING TODAY**

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