

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7th, 2024**

The Processional Hymn

[H] 657

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord 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.

The Psalm

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second 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.

The Gradual Hymn

[H] 635, stanza 1

The Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-13

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 Sermon Hymn

[H]635, stanza 2

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

How Firm a Foundation

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 has said
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O 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.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled 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."

Music: melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984). Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.

Communion Hymns

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The Processional Hymn

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Calendar

Sunday, July 7	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II
Monday, July 8	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, July 9	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday, July 10	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 1:00 Daughters of the King
Thursday, July 11	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Friday, July 12	8:00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer
Sunday, July 14	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grief Support Group

This group hasn't taken off like we'd hoped. We're going to take a break for now and restart July 25.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, Gaffney will hold a fun festival of music, food, demonstrations, and vendors to bring the community together. Let's share the word about our wonderful church with our neighbors! We'll have a booth at which we'll give away bottles of bubbles with our church information on them. Want to help spread the joy? Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Confirmation Sunday

The bishop will be with us on Sunday, August 25 for Confirmations. If you're interested in being Confirmed into the Episcopal Church (or Received, if you were Confirmed in another denomination) let Jenny know today. We'll all want to be here for this special service!

Next Week's Readings:

Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

Donations

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To cover the fees associated with either of these ways of giving, check the "cover fees" box. And thank you!

THOSE WHO SERVE

	July 7 7 th Pentecost 10:30 am	July 14 8 th Pentecost 10:30 am
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman
Coffee Hour	Ellie Bird	Marty Marett
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffman	Noah Lindemann Gena Poovey
Digital Greeter	Morgan Johnson	Angharad Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Don Bird
Nursery	Cathy Roberts	Becky Zinko
Euch. Min.	Niccie Dearing	Cynthia Glidden
Crucifer	Niccie Dearing	Cora Torres
1 st Lector	Bobbi Albert	David Cornmesser
2 nd Lector	Don Bird	John Gelok
Intercessor	Ellie Bird	Gena Poovey
Flowers	Available	Available
Counters	Ed Hoffman Robin Childers	Ellie Bird Joette Johnson
Pew Racks	Available	Asher Torres