Readings and Hymns

Sunday, July 4, 2021 Pentecost 6

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Opening - Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who live in dark and sin My hand will save.

I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts of love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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Collect

God of the prophets, in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new. Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome your saving word. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Ezekiel 2:1-5

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.

Elle me dit: « Fils d'homme, tiens-toi debout, je vais te parler. » À cette parole, l'esprit vint en moi et me fit tenir debout. J'écoutai celui qui me parlait. Il me dit: « Fils d'homme, je t'envoie vers les fils d'Israël, vers une nation rebelle qui s'est révoltée contre moi. Jusqu'à ce jour, eux et leurs pères se sont soulevés contre moi. Les fils ont le visage dur, et le cœur obstiné; c'est à eux que je t'envoie. Tu leur diras: "Ainsi parle le Seigneur Dieu..." Alors, qu'ils écoutent ou qu'ils n'écoutent pas – c'est une engeance de rebelles! – ils sauront qu'il y a un prophète au milieu d'eux.

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Vers toi j'ai les yeux levés, vers toi qui es au ciel.

Comme les yeux de l'esclave vers la main de son maître, + comme les yeux de la servante vers la main de sa maîtresse,

nos yeux, levés vers le Seigneur notre Dieu, attendent sa pitié.

Pitié pour nous, Seigneur, pitié pour nous : notre âme est rassasiée de mépris.

C'en est trop, nous sommes rassasiés du rire des satisfaits, du mépris des orgueilleux!

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 offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, 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.

Post Sermon – Just as I am

Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Sorti de là, Jésus se rendit dans son lieu d'origine, et ses disciples le suivirent.

Le jour du sabbat, il se mit à enseigner dans la synagogue. De nombreux auditeurs, frappés d'étonnement, disaient : « D'où cela lui vient-il ? Quelle est cette sagesse qui lui a été donnée, et ces grands miracles qui se réalisent par ses mains ? N'est-il pas le charpentier, le fils de Marie, et le frère de Jacques, de José, de Jude et de Simon ? Ses sœurs ne sont-elles pas ici chez nous ? » Et ils étaient profondément choqués à son sujet. Jésus leur disait : « Un prophète n'est méprisé que dans son pays, sa parenté et sa maison. » Et là il ne pouvait accomplir aucun miracle ; il guérit seulement quelques malades en leur imposant les mains.

Et il s'étonna de leur manque de foi. Jésus parcourait les villages d'alentour en enseignant. Il appela les Douze ; alors il commença à les envoyer en mission deux par deux. Il leur donnait autorité sur les esprits impurs,

et il leur prescrivit de ne rien prendre pour la route, mais seulement un bâton; pas de pain, pas de sac, pas de pièces de monnaie dans leur ceinture.

« Mettez des sandales, ne prenez pas de tunique de rechange. »

Il leur disait encore : « Quand vous avez trouvé l'hospitalité dans une maison, restez-y jusqu'à votre départ.

Si, dans une localité, on refuse de vous accueillir et de vous écouter, partez et secouez la poussière de vos pieds : ce sera pour eux un témoignage. » Ils partirent, et proclamèrent qu'il fallait se convertir.

Ils expulsaient beaucoup de démons, faisaient des onctions d'huile à de nombreux malades, et les quérissaient.

Just as I am though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am thy love unknown has broken every barrier down – now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Closing - Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Halleluia! Halleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space
Halleluia! Halleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Halleluia! Halleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Halleluia! Halleluia!