

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 6 (YEAR B) PROPER 9

## COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Eze 2.1–5*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

I heard a voice saying to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 123*



℣. Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy. (*All repeat*)



To you have I lifted | up my eyes,  
to you enthroned | in the heavens,  
as the | eyes of servants  
look to the hand | of their masters. ℣.

Like the eyes | of a maid  
upon the hand | of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the | Lord our God,  
till he show | us his mercy. ℣.

Have mercy upon us, | Lord have mercy,  
for we have had our fill | of contempt,  
of the scorn | of the rich,  
and of the disdain | of the proud. ℣.

## SECOND READING

*2 Cor 12.2–10*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a man 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 this man was caught up into paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no-one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that

the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Isa 61.1*

**Alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:  
he has anointed me to bring good news to the  
poor.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Mk 6.1–13*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went away and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works 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. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour, except in his home town and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged 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 put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever

you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, you have given us one perfect sacrifice to replace the many sacrifices of the Law: as once you blessed the offering of Abel, accept and bless the offering we bring in your honour, that it may avail for our salvation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**