

Preparation Hymn CP 433 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vv.1,2&5) ABBOT'S LEIGH



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Communion Hymn CP 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist SONG 1

Sending Hymn CP 598 Go to the World ENGELBERG

Postlude Prelude & Fugue in C Major ('Weimar') J. S. Bach (BWV 545)

And the took offence at him

"He could do no deed of power there," Mark writes with grim finality. In some mysterious and disturbing way, the people's small-mindedness, their lack of trust, and their inability to embrace a new facet of Jesus's life and mission, keep them in spiritual poverty. Notice that their lack of faith isn't a mere technicality; it has real and lamentable consequences. It *constrains* Jesus. It *blocks* the healing work he longs to do for the people he loves. Pause and think about this for a minute. Do we know that our unbelief has real world consequences? That in the mysterious economy of God, we are called to participate with God's Spirit in the transformation of the world? That our refusal to do so *matters*?

Something precious is lost when we fail to recognize the unfamiliar within the familiar. When we turn away from the extraordinary within the ordinary. We miss the presence of God in our midst.

The disconcerting truth about this week's Gospel is that we are the modern-day equivalent of Jesus's ancient townspeople. We're the ones who think we know Jesus best. The ones jaded by religious over-familiarity. What will it take to follow him into new and uncomfortable territory? To see him where we least desire to look?

Debie Thomas – Journey with Jesus

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The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost



(Jesus said) 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'

Prelude Music: Fugue in C Major
D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Opening Hymn: CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

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.**

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from the second letter to the 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 to 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 48 (Read responsively)

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her forever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.

The Gradual Hymn CP 546 God Moves in a Mysterious Way LONDON NEW

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 6:1-13

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He left that place and came to his home town, 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 home town, 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.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**