

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. [6:1-13]**

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



**<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his home town, 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 offence at him.**

**<sup>4</sup>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.'**

**<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.**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Readings for 4th July 2021—Pentecost +6**

**A reading from 2 Samuel chapter 5 beginning at verse 1. [5.1-5,9-10]**



**1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh.**

**<sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in.**

**The LORD said to you:**

**It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'**

**<sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.**

**<sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years.**

**<sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.**

**<sup>9</sup>David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards.**

**<sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.**

**Hear the word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 48



1. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God.
2. **High and beautiful is his holy hill: it is the joy of all the earth.**
3. On Mount Zion, where the godhead truly dwells,  
stands the city of the Great King;  
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defence.
4. **For the kings of the earth assembled:  
they gathered together and came on;**
5. They saw, they were struck dumb:  
they were astonished and fled in terror.
6. **Trembling took hold of them, and anguish:  
as on a woman in her travail.**
7. Like the breath of the east wind: that shatters the ships of Tarshish.
8. **As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts:  
in the city of our God, which God has established for ever.**
9. We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:  
in the midst of your temple.
10. **As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:  
even to the ends of the earth.**
11. Your right hand is full of victory - let Zion's hill rejoice:  
let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgements.
12. **Walk about Zion, go round about her, and count all her towers:  
consider well her ramparts, pass through her palaces;**
13. That you may tell those who come after that such is God:  
Our God for ever and ever, and he will guide us eternally.

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen**

## A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 beginning at verse 2. [12.2-10]



<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 to 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.  
Hear the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*