

Hymn: 56 Be thou my vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight.  
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r.  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise;  
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, when battle is done  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Christ of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **Reading 1: 2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10**

*A reading from the Second Book of Samuel*

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.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10**

*A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

<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.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: 188 Guide me oh thou great redeemer**

- 1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me now and evermore.  
Feed me now and evermore.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth  
flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be thou still my strength and shield.  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's  
destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 6.1-13**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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, O Christ**

**Hymn: 288 King of Glory**

**1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.**

**3. Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,  
I will praise Thee;  
in my heart, though not in heav'n,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enroll Thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol Thee**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**Hymn: 467 Tell out my soul**

**1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the  
Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit  
voice;  
tender to me the promise of his Word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his  
name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm  
has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his  
might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put  
to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his  
Word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the  
Lord  
to children's children and forevermore!**