

The First Lesson

*Job 38:1-11*

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me."

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"



The Psalm

**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

*Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*II Corinthians 6:1-13*

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Hymn

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

**H 493**

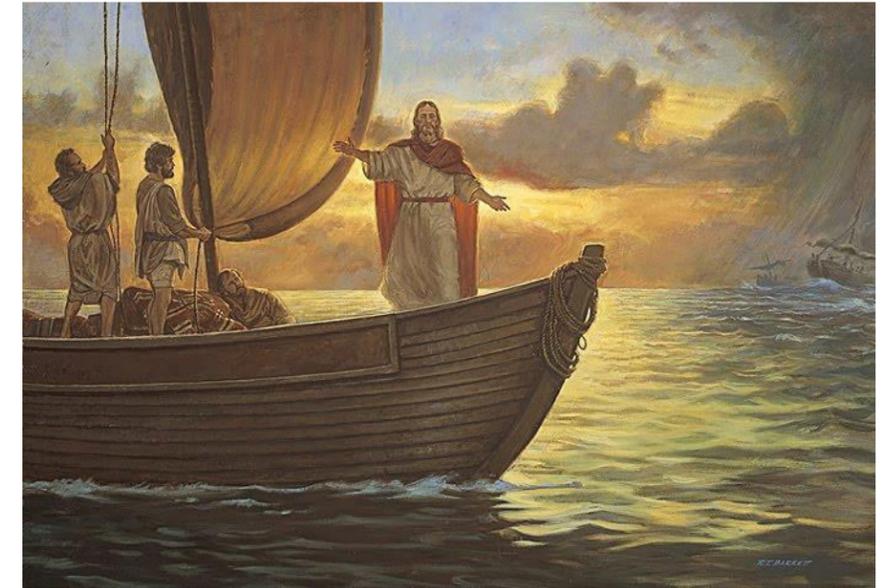
Gospel Lesson

*Mark 4:35-41*

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass**  
Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee,  
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee;  
Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.*

from H 366, v.4

<u>Eucharistic Prayer “A”</u>	BCP 361
<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132
<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>	H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

<i>Strengthen for service, Lord</i>	H 312
<i>Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old</i>	H 567
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	H 321

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us* H 559

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by Bea Paine and Teresa Paine. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Emily Goodykoontz, in memory of loved ones.

Participants in Today’s Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	John Allen	Chris Justice
<u>Lector</u>	David Kersey	Becky Beckett
<u>Chalicists</u>	Becky Kersey	Becky Beckett
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Patty Richardson	Becky Beckett
		Carol Georgis

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan

Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Mabeline & Elton Robinson—Ann Richardson—John Richardson—Sherry Mitchell—Carrie D.—Dorothy Curry—Lorraine Keffer—Sharon Cranfill  
**Attendance Last Sunday** 49

**Birthdays This Week:** Martha Shewey, Joe Sanders, Jarrod Sudduth

Calendar of Events

Sunday - June 24 OK Work Group arrives  
Altar Guild meeting after church

Wednesday - June 27 ECW Picnic @ home of Patty Richardson 5:30 pm

Tuesday - July 3 Fr. Chad leaves for General Convention

Friday - July 26 Cookout at Community Square

Sunday – July 29 Church Picnic @ Lotito Park 10:30am

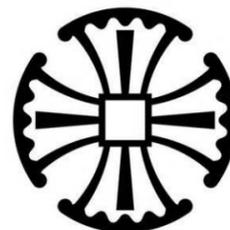
Announcements:

ECW Picnic: All women of the parish are invited to attend the ECW picnic at the home of Patty Richardson, 117 West Cumberland Road, on Wednesday, June 27 at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share!

Usher Training: Anyone interested in serving as an usher is encouraged to talk with David Kersey about training today. “Head Usher David Kersey is compiling a list of persons interested in serving as ushers during regular Sunday service. This ministry is open to women and men. Anyone interested should let our secretary know or email David at [dkersey@brewsternorhous.com](mailto:dkersey@brewsternorhous.com). Usher training will be arranged, after the list is compiled.”

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	Senior Warden
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**June 24, 2018**

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*and being the Sunday designated Proper VII of the Church Year*

**Welcome to this Place of Prayer**

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor’s Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today’s service. The abbreviation “H” stands for “Hymnal.” This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as “H-S” followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. “BCP” is our abbreviation for “Book of Common Prayer,” which is the smaller red book.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* H 535

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*