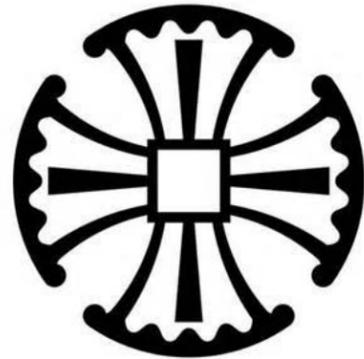


The First Lesson

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.



The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-8

*Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

*Said together:*

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn

*Christ, whose glory fills the sky*

H 7

Gospel Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



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

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

BCP 361

*Sanctus* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132

*The Lord's Prayer* Traditional version, found on BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem* 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

*Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* H 323  
*I come with joy to meet my Lord* H 304  
*Bread of the world in mercy broken* H 301

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Crown him with many crowns* H 494

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 today will be Coffee Hour, hosted by **Charlies Blevins and Betty Nash**. 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 **Paul and Rebecca Broyles**, in memory of loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Ben Slater Becky Kersey  
Chalicer Becky Kersey Don Williams  
Lector Bea Paine Don Williams  
Altar Guild Delia Kersey Linda Thomas

Attendance Last Sunday 49

Birthdays This Week: Emma Bennett, Luke Beemer, and Bea Paine

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—Sherry Mitchell—Carrie D.—Dorothy Curry—Loraine Keffer—Sharon Cranfill—Margie Hardin—George Strike—Levertt T.—Leigh—Barbara Ford-Coates

Calendar of Events

Sunday – August 12 Food Pantry bagging after service  
Thursday—August 16 Food Pantry 9-11am  
Sunday – August 19 Canterbury Club  
with Peter and Patty Richardson at 6:00pm  
Tuesday – August 21 DOK meeting 10:30am  
Wednesday – August 22 Union Mission 4:30pm  
Wednesday – August 29 ECW Dinner 5:30pm

Announcements:

Missing Utensils: If you are missing utensils from the picnic there are some in the kitchen that may be yours. Take time to go check it out. To everyone who pitched in, your help was very much appreciated!

Needing Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you'd like to provide refreshments for our Coffee Hour time, please sign up in the coffee area.

ECW Dinner: There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

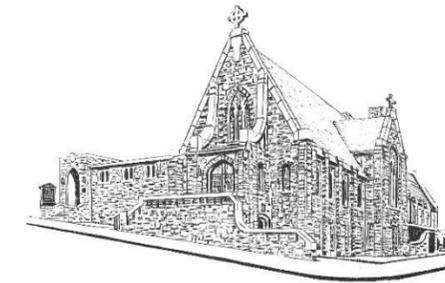
Plate Offering: Today's plate offering will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Help with the Rainbow: If you'd like to help with our monthly newsletter, the Rainbow, please see Susanne Pulse. We need volunteers to make our newsletter happen!

Prayer List: If there is anyone on our Prayer List whose name can be removed, please let the office know.

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  
Mrs. Dee Puckett Junior Warden



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## August 12, 2018

### The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost *and being the Sunday designated Proper XIV 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* H 474

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.*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*