

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Psalm

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as
long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I
have my being.
2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.
3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and
in that day their thoughts perish.
4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their
help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
them; who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and
food to those who hunger.
7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the
eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are
bowed down;
8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the
stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but
frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

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

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of
favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For
if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your
assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and
say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor
you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made
distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil
thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not
God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be
heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love
him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who
oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not
they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over
you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according
to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted
by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law
but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For
the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said,
“You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery
but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law
of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who
has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you
have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a
brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you
says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and
yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of
that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

H493

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He
entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there.
Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little
daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him,
and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman
was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to
cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the
children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food
and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even

the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he
said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left
your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on
the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by
way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the
Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an
impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand
on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd,
and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his
tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,
“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears
were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he
ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They
were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done
everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute
to speak.”

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

In God, My Faithful God

Schalk

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 Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer “B”

BCP 367

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

Memorial Acclamation

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S138

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

O saving victim H 311
Thine arm, O lord, in days of old H 567
Let all mortal flesh keep silence H 324

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *The Church's one foundation* H 525

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 **John and Carol Georgis**. 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
Richard and Carolyn McCue Matthews, in memory of loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Rob Merritt Becky Beckett
Chalicer Becky Beckett Rob Merritt
Lector Bernadette Dragotto Becky Beckett
Altar Guild Linda Ammar Mimi Merritt Teresa Paine

Attendance Last Sunday 32

Birthdays This Week: Joe Graham, Bobbi Kersey, and Samantha Kinney

This Month's Plate Offering: United Thank Offering Fund



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.—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Mabeline & Elton Robinson—Ann Richardson—Sherry Mitchell—Carrie D.—Dorothy Curry—Lorraine Keffer—Sharon Cranfill—Margie Hardin—George Strike—Levertt T.—Bea Paine—Frankie Sparks

Calendar of Events:

Monday - Wednesday 9/10-9/12 LARCUM Conference
Wednesday-Sept. 12 Prepare meal at Union Mission 3:00pm
Men's Dinner 6:00pm
Sunday – September 16 Food Pantry bagging after service
Tuesday – Sept. 18 DOK 10:30am
Wednesday-September 19 Vestry 7:00pm
Thursday-Sept. 20 Food Pantry 9-11am
Wednesday-Sept. 26 Prepare meal at Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday-Sept. 30 Ingathering of UTO

Announcements:

Vestry Meetings: Vestry Meetings have been changed from the 2nd Wednesday of each month to the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

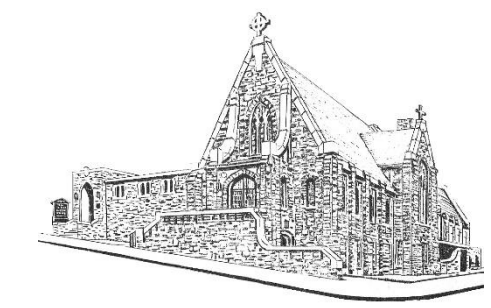
Worship Coordinator: We are needing volunteers to help with scheduling Worship assistants. Please see Cameron Clement.



Join us Sept, 16th, 23rd and 30th for Coffee Hour talks!

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
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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
and being the Sunday designated Proper XVIII 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 *Thou, whose almighty word* H 371

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*