

The First Lesson

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Psalm

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

- 1 O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

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

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Hymn *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

H483

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they

are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Sermon



The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Prayers of the People I

BCP 383

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*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore; Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

From Hymn 365 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

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed H 323
Lead us, heavenly father, lead us H 559
O love, how deep, how broad, how high H 448

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *Now thank we all our God* H 397

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 **Betty Nash and Charlie Blevins**. 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 **Linda Ammar**, in memory of her loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Beckett Will Puckett
Chalicer Teresa Paine Becky Beckett
Lector Cameron Clement Teresa Paine
Altar Guild Linda Ammar Mimi Merritt Teresa Paine

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Marlene, Lee Puckett, Sr., Phyllis & Nelson Walker, Alex B., Toni R., Jared Cregger, Kerrigan Farmer, Lindsey Parsley, Daisy Bowman, Ellie Spencer, Sue Godwin, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Ann Richardson, Sherry Mitchell, Carrie D., Dorothy Curry, Loraine Keffer, Sharon Cranfill, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Diane Sudduth, Audrey, Denny Arner

Attendance Last Sunday 48

Birthdays This Week: Elizabeth Clement, Don Williams, and Brian McCoy

This Month's Plate Offering: General Fund

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday – Oct. 10 Cook for Union Mission 3:00pm
ECW Dinner 5:30pm
Sunday – Oct. 14 After church Bagging for Food Pantry
Pet Blessing 5:00pm
Tuesday – Oct. 16 DOK Meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – Oct. 17 ECM Dinner 6:00pm
Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday – Oct. 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am
Wednesday – Oct. 22 Prepare Dinner at
Union Mission 4:30pm

Announcements:

Blankets for Food Pantry: We are collecting blankets for our Food Pantry friends to be given out at Food Pantry October 18th. We can accept them later also, to be given out in November. There will be a plastic tub in the narthex for the blankets.

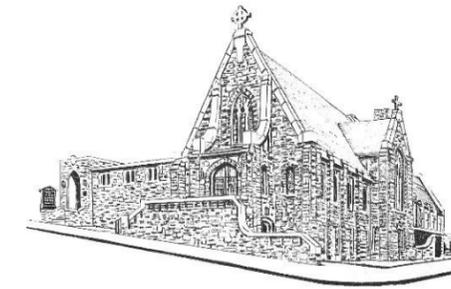
Collecting Toiletries: ECW will be collecting small sized toiletries, (like you'd get from a hotel) for use by the Salvation Army. Please bring these items to the donation basket in the narthex.

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

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: A new ministry will be starting this fall. Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) will take Holy Communion regularly to shut-ins of the parish and share fellowship with them. If you are interested in this ministry, please see Fr. Chad.

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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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
and being the Sunday designated Proper XXII 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 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* H 376

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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*