

The First Lesson

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.



The Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

Domine, refugium

12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 how your servants your works and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

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 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

H488

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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
"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee H 615
Take my life, and let it be H 707



Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *O God, our help in ages past* H 680

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 **Peter and Patty Richardson**. 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 **Rob and Mimi Merritt**, in memory of her loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Kersey Rob Merritt
Chalicer Rob Merritt Becky Kersey
Lector David Kersey Rob Merritt
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.,

Loraine Keffer, Sharon Cranfill,, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Diane Sudduth, Audrey, Denny Arner

Attendance Last Sunday 40

Birthdays This Week: Mike Lilly, Burt Kersey, Emma Slater, Stephanie Smith and Bruce Puckett

This Month's Plate Offering: General Fund

Calendar of Events:

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.

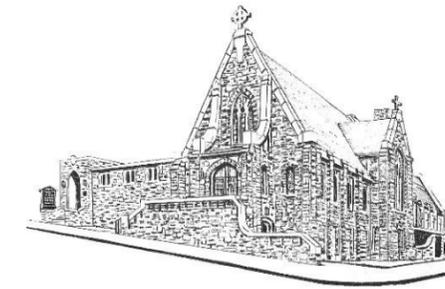
Needing Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you'd like to provide refreshments for our Coffee Hour time, please sign up in the coffee area.

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.

Directory: If you haven't picked yours up yet, they're in the narthex.

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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October 14, 2018 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

and being the Sunday designated Proper XXIII 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 *Alleluia, sing to Jesus* H 460

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.*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*