
The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Psalm

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. 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

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hymn

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

H 457

Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

Gospel Lesson

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

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

Beloved, If God So Loved Us

Stainer

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

All praise, O risen Lord,

We give to Thee who dead, again dost live

To God the Father equal praise

And God the Holy Ghost we raise

From Hymn 193 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "D"

BCP 372

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S 129

Memorial Acclamation

H-S 141

The Lord's Prayer

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
Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray H 315
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life H 487

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West* H 529

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!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by
John and Becky Beckett in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Mary Catherine Williams, in honor of John and Carol Georgis, who will be moving to Richmond. 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!

Last Sunday Attendance 63

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Debbie Wells, Michelle Parks, Debbie Faber, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Margaret Westfall, Paul Anderson, Shelby Hawthorne, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Edie Perkins, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Carrington Mikels, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Vera van der Sleseen.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Kersey Ben Slater
Lectors Mike Lily Rob Merritt
Chalicians Rob Merritt Becky Kersey
Altar Guild Betty Nash Chris Justice Elizabeth Clement
Emma Slater

Calendar of Events

Tuesday – May 21 DOK meeting Hobson Library 10:30am
Wednesday – May 22 Union Mission 4:30pm
Monday – May 27 Memorial Day
Sunday – June 16 Father's Day
Sunday – June 16 thru 22 St. Paul's Pittsburgh
Youth Mission Team
Sunday – June 23 thru 28 St. Paul's Pittsburgh
Adult Mission Team

Announcements:

CPC Boxes: Our Church Periodical Club collection will be received during the month of May. The CPC distributes literature for the Episcopal Church around the world and provides scholarships for books for our seminarians. Boxes and other information are located in the narthex. The Loose Offering in May will go to the CPC. Your generosity is appreciated.

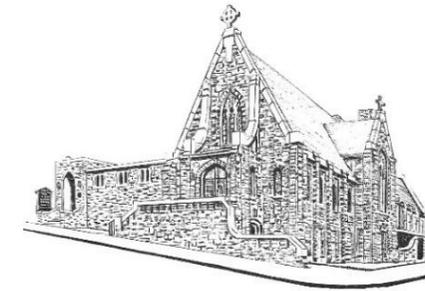
Peterkin Camps: If you, or a child you know, would like to attend one of our Diocesan summer camps, please see Fr. Chad. Youth from our area are eligible to attend for free. Applications should be returned by May 26.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: A new ministry here will begin to regularly take communion to those who are ill or homebound. If you know of anyone who should be included on a list of those to visit please see Alyson Bowling.

Confirmation Class: Bishop Klusmeyer will make his annual visit on August 18. If anyone is interested in confirmation – learning about the Episcopal Church and officially becoming a member – a class for both teens and adults will be meeting soon. Please see Fr. Chad for more information.

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
Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden
Mr. Tom Coughlan Junior Warden



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May 19, 2019 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* H 304

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*