

The First Lesson

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself 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. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

The Psalm

Psalm 42

Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

Judica me, Deus

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hymn O worship the King, all glorious above!

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And

they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People (Form IV) BCP 388

Confession & Absolution BCP 360
We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*

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

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional version* **BCP 364**

The General Thanksgiving
 Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Hymn *Come, thou fount of every blessing* **H 686**

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!*

Last Sunday Attendance 60

The Altar Flowers are given today by
 Emily Goodykoontz in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today 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!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Lay Reader Alyson Bowling
Acolyte Becky Beckett
Lectors Becky Beckett
Altar Guild Patty Richardson Staci Thomas Becky Beckett
 Chris Justice Emma Slater

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, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Edie Perkins, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Carrington Mikels, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Vera van der Sleen, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene, Bluefield College Choir.

Birthdays This Week: Marc Meachum, Mary Lou Mannschreck, Martha Shewey, Joe Sanders.

Calendar of Events

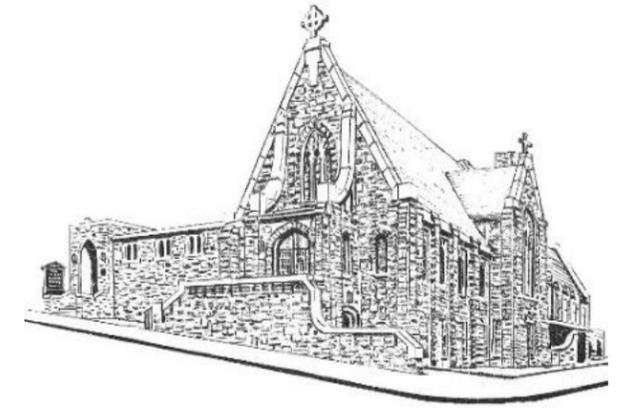
Sunday – June 23 thru 28 St. Paul's Adult Team
 Monday – June 24 Potluck Dinner 6:00pm
 Sunday – July 14 Bagging groceries after church
 Tuesday – July 16 DOK meeting 10:30am
 Thursday – July 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am

Announcements:

Potluck Dinner: We will have a potluck dinner on Monday, June 24th at 6:00pm and will be hosting six adults from St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Pittsburg.

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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The 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

and being Proper VII 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 *All hail the power of Jesus' name!* **H 450**

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.*

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.