

The First Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Psalm

Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

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 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come,

Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hymn *The head that once was crowned with thorns* **H 483**

Gospel Lesson

John 14: 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

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

- O saving victim, open wide* H 311
- Be thou my vision* H 488
- I heard the voice of Jesus say* H 692

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Crown Him with many crowns* H 494

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
Tom Coughlan in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today 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!

Last Sunday Attendance 50

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 Sleses, Marion Lowe Eppard

Participants in Today's Liturgy

- Acolyte Becky Beckett Macon Clement
- Lectors William Denny Teresa Paine
- Chalicians Becky Beckett Teresa Paine

Altar Guild Patty Richardson Staci Thomas Becky Beckett
Carol Georgis Chris Justice Emma Slater

Calendar of Events

- Sunday – June 9 Canterbury Club 6:00pm
- Sunday – June 16 Father's Day
- Sunday – June 16 Bagging Groceries after church
- Sunday – June 16 thru 22 St. Paul's Pittsburgh Youth Mission Team DOK meeting 10:30
- Tuesday – 18 Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00
- Thursday – 20 Community Picnic at Chicory Square 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- Thursday – 20 St. Paul's Pittsburgh Adult Mission Team
- Sunday – June 23 thru 28 Potluck Dinner 6:00pm
- Monday – June 24

Announcements:

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.

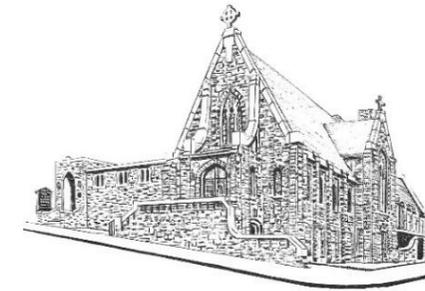
Confirmation Class: Bishop Klusmeyer will make his annual visit on August 18. If anyone is interested in confirmation – learning about the Episcopal Church and officially becoming a member – a class for both teens and adults will be meeting soon. Please see Fr. Chad for more information.

Canterbury Club: Join us at the home of Peter and Patty Richardson 117 W. Cumberland Road on Sunday, June 9 @ 6:00pm for food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!

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 Seventh 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 *See the Conqueror mounts in triumph* H 215

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 God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.