

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

Expectans, expectavi

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come.

- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

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

I Corinthians 1:9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

H 7

Gospel Lesson

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might



be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

We pray together as the people of God

BCP 388

Confession & Absolution

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

BCP 360

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP 361

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S 129

The Lord’s Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

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 Hymn

Bread of the world, in mercy broken

H 301

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

H 440

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 Alyson Bowling. 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

<u>Acolyte</u>	Becky Kersey		
<u>Lector</u>	Don Williams		Becky Kersey
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Thomas	Betty Nash	Linda Ammar
<u>Nursery Help</u>	Tricia Hein Brewster		
<u>Vestry Member of the Month:</u>		Don Kersey	
<u>Pianist</u>	Samuel Kimzey		

Birthdays This Week: Teresa Paine Catherine Beemer Howard Troutner

Last Sunday's Attendance

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Donna Fortune, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer, Bob Moore, Haddon Lazenby, Miffi Williams, Jack Burchette, Nick

Calendar of Events

Sunday – January 19	Altar Guild Meeting following Coffee Hour
Tuesday – January 21	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – January 22	Chili-Cook Off 4:00pm
Sunday – February 9	Canterbury Club at the Moir's 6:00pm

Announcements:

Loose Offering: Any loose offering collected in January will go toward the Heating & Cooling Project.

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of January through March. We will accept monetary contributions also. See Patty Richardson or Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.

Canterbury Club: There is a 2020 sign-up sheet in the narthex for Canterbury Club. Anyone that would like to host one you can sign up. Thanks to everyone who hosted a Canterbury Club in 2019!

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Prayer Requests: Please take a moment to review the names on our Prayer Request list and, if you wish a name to be removed at this time, call or email the office to let us know. Thank you!

3rd Annual CEC Chili Cook-Off: Bring your best pot of chili (though not too spicy) to the Union Mission at 4:00pm on Wednesday, January 22nd. Workers at the Mission will judge as we serve our chili for dinner that evening.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector

Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden