

The First Lesson

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.



The Psalm

Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Hymn *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy* **H482**

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be

last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



Jesus Christ Calls the Children to Him by Julius Schnorr Von Carolsfeld

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

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee while in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee; then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.

From Hymn 366 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

O saving victim H 311
If thou but trust in God to guide thee H 635
O Master, let me walk with thee H 660

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *God, my King, thy might confessing* H 414

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 **Norma Mahood-Bay**. 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 **Frank and Bernadette Dragotto**, in memory of loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte John Allen Becky Kersey
Chalicer Becky Kersey Alyson Bowling
Lector Linda Ammar Becky Kersey
Altar Guild Linda Ammar Mimi Merritt Teresa Paine

Attendance Last Sunday 61

Birthdays This Week: Lynn King, Norma Mahood-Bay, Patrick Anderson, Gina Wilkerson, and Mimi Merritt

This Month's Plate Offering: United Thank Offering Fund

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.—Dorothy Curry—Loraine Keffer—Sharon Cranfill—Margie Hardin—George Strike—Levertt T.—Bea Paine—Frankie Sparks—Diane Sudduth—Audrey—Denny Arner

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday—Sept. 26 Prepare meal at Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday-Sept. 30 Ingathering of UTO

Announcements:

Coffee Hour: We will gather for fellowship and the first of our stewardship talks in Rowley Hall immediately following the service.

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 would be interested in providing a simple snack after a Sunday service, please contact Mary Catherine Williams

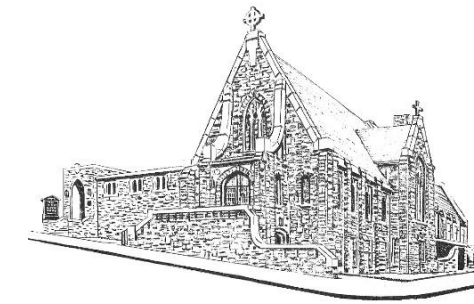
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: A new ministry will be starting this fall. Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) will take Holy Communion regularly to shut-ins of the parish and share fellowship with them. If you are interested in this ministry, please see Fr. Chad.



Join us Sept, 16th, 23rd and 30th for Coffee Hour talks!

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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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
and being the Sunday designated Proper XX 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* H 390

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.*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.