

The First Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Psalm Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks 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

Galatians 6:1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the

flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Hymn

O Spirit of the living God

H 531

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

BCP 358

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!*



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

Offertory

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*

From Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "A" BCP 361
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

Come with us, O blessed Jesus H 336
My God, thy table now is spread H 321
The head that once was crowned with thorns H 483

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *In the cross of Christ I glory* H 441

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 Delia Kersey in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today 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!

Last Sunday Attendance 47

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Macon Clement
Lectors Bernadette Dragotto Alyson Bowling
Chalicians Alyson Bowling
Altar Guild Elizabeth Sudduth Betty Nash Patty Richardson

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, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Vera van der Sleen, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene, Bluefield College Choir.

Birthdays This Week: Charlie Merritt, Stella Stultz, Annie Wilkinson, Kristen Kersey, Emily Goodykoontz, Nathaniel Kersey, Jason Cole.

Calendar of Events

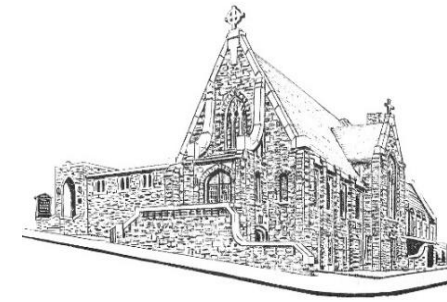
Sunday – July 14 Bagging groceries after church
 Tuesday – July 16 DOK meeting 10:30am
 Meal for Wade Center volunteers 6:00pm
 Thursday – July 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am
 Sunday – August 11 Church Picnic at Lotito Park 10:30 am
 Sunday – August 18 Bishop's Visitation at CEC

Announcements:

Nursery Ministry: Our Christian Education Committee is beginning a new ministry here at Christ Church! If you would be interested in volunteering periodically for the Nursery please see Elizabeth Clement to learn more.

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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July 7, 2019
The 4th Sunday After Pentecost
and being Proper IX 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 *O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling* H 539

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 taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.