



The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Psalm

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hymn

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

H 467



Gospel Lesson

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard

me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!

Harrison

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

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

H 323

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

H 345

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!

H 533

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn

Christ for the world we sing!

H 537

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 Don and Mary Catherine Williams in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by ----- 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

45

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 Sleen.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Teresa Paine John Allen
Lectors Bernadette Dragotto Becky Beckett
Chalicists Becky Beckett Teresa Paine
Altar Guild Betty Nash Chris Justice Elizabeth Clement
Emma Slater

Calendar of Events

Monday – May 27 Memorial Day
Sunday – June 9 Canterbury Club 6:00pm
Sunday – June 16 Father's Day
Sunday – June 16 thru 22 St. Paul's Pittsburgh Youth Mission Team
Wednesday – June 18 Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday – June 23 thru 28 St. Paul's Pittsburgh Adult Mission Team

Announcements:

CPC Boxes: Our Church Periodical Club collection will be received during the month of May. The CPC distributes literature for the Episcopal Church around the world and provides scholarships for books for our seminarians. Boxes and other information are located in the narthex. The Loose Offering in May will go to the CPC. Your generosity is appreciated.

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.

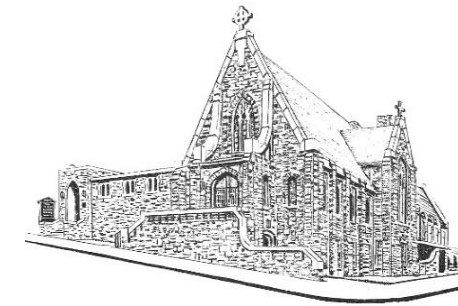
Canterbury Club: Join us at the home of Peter and Patty Richardson 117 W. Cumberland Road on Sunday, June 9 @ 6:00pm for food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Memorial Day: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator
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Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton
Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden
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May 26, 2019

The Sixth 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 *Christ is made the sure foundation* **H 518**

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.