

June 20, 2021 –The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Father’s Day

Online Readings and Prayers

- 8:15am Holy Eucharist Rite I (Chapel)
- 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Main Sanctuary, online and Zoom call-in)
- 11am Hybrid Coffee Hour in Celebration of Nancy Lankford and her work with MANNA
(Upper Parish Hall and Zoom call-in)

Collect of the Day at 8:15 a.m.

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 17:32-49

David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!” Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of

hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Psalm 9:9-20

Psalter for the Christian People, p. 19

The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.

Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things the LORD has done.

The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Have pity on me, O LORD; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

The LORD is known by divine acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

Put fear upon them, O LORD; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have

commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see~ we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return~ I speak as to children~ open wide your hearts also.

Hymn 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

A Prayer for Father's Day

On this Father's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of fatherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the fathers among us today; for our own fathers, those living and those who have passed away; for the fathers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be fathers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all fathers who have lost children; for all women and men who have fathered others in any way—those who have been our substitute fathers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Father. **Amen.**

Hymn 688 st 1, 2, 4

A mighty fortress is our God

This week's music is gifted by Duncan and Jo-Anne Allen.

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of North India (United). Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery: Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River; St. Luke's Church, Fall River; St. Gabriel's Church, Marion; and St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoissett.

This month in the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for High Rock Covenant Church Metrowest and the teachers and staff of all schools in Needham.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Charles A. Higgins, Jr. and Robert Conrad from The Conrad Family.*

Your prayers are requested for Kate, Jim B., Andy M., Toph and family, Alex, Maya, Penny, Mark M., Martin W., Lois C., Maureen, Diane and her family, Chuck, Elaine D., Liz H., David, Barbara B., Leo, Meghan, Anita, Linda F., Sarah, Gail, and Thomas. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Thank You To Those Who Serve

Tim Lysaght, Tech Verger • Phil Bergen, Lector • Steve Sussman, Pianist

FELLOWSHIP HOUR THANKS

We thank Barbara and Ed Brailey for organizing coffee hour for us today.

Our Coffee Hour ministry extends Jesus' hospitality from the Altar to the Upper Parish Hall.

If you are interested in hosting this summer, please get in touch with Debby Rempis. And thanks everyone, for wearing nametags.