

Sunday, June 6, 2010
Lectionary 10
Proper 5
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:17–24

A reading from _____.

Having offered hospitality to Elijah, a widow in Zarephath loses her son to an illness. Through prayer, Elijah restores the boy to life, and the joyful mother acknowledges that Elijah is indeed a man of God.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

Refrain: My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. (Ps. 30:2)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.

**⁴Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
 give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
 Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

**⁶While I felt se- | cure, I said,
 "I shall never | be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
 Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

**⁸I cried to | you, O LORD;
 I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
 Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"

**¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
 O LORD, | be my helper." R**

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
 you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

**¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
 O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R**

SECOND READING: Galatians 1:11–24

A reading from _____.

The apostle and church-planter Paul tells the story of his ministry given to him by Jesus Christ. In the midst of grave tension in his church in Galatia, he assures his congregation that his work is centered in the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, unlike the other teachers among them.

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11–17

The holy gospel according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' ministry bears witness to God's coming reign, where the lowly are shown mercy and the dead are raised. Here, Jesus ministers to a widow by raising her only son to life.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Renewing and life-giving God, reveal yourself to us in the breaking of bread and in the hearing of your word. Transform us by your Spirit, that others may see your gift of life in us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew the face of the earth, especially areas that have been devastated by earthquakes, fires, or floods. Restore balance to affected ecosystems, and make your creation blossom again. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Remember all members of the human family who are oppressed because of conscience or persecuted because of faith (*especially*). Show mercy to all who harass and oppress, that they

may begin to enact mercy in their lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show your compassion to all who mourn, to all who face death, and to all who experience significant life changes (*especially*). Lead them to where they may find hope in the midst of trial. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Be present and active in all ministries of the church, especially those who serve people without shelter, employment, or adequate food. Grant care to all your children, as you empower faithful servants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Remembering all whose lives have borne witness to your truth and grace, give those same gifts to people who struggle through life, and fill us all with your abundant joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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