

Sunday, June 27, 2010
Lectionary 13
Proper 8
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

A reading from _____.

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the Lord reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16

Refrain: I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a-¹bove all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are¹ in the land,
upon those who are noble a-¹mong the people.**

³But those who run after¹ other gods
shall have their troubles¹ multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods,
never take their names up-¹on my lips. R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion ¹ and my cup;
it is you who up- ¹ hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a ¹ pleasant land;
indeed, I have a ¹ rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who ¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night ¹ after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al- ¹ ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall ¹ not be shaken. R**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- ¹ it rejoices;
my body also shall ¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me ¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one ¹ see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the ¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- ¹
evermore. R

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13–25

A reading from _____.

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51–62

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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.

God of liberation, lead the people of your church by your Spirit. Bring forth from us fruits of love, peace, and joy, and help us share these good fruits throughout the world. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Send relief to people, plants, and animals around the world whenever heat becomes a burden for them. Provide shade and shelter, cool breezes, and clean water in abundance. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Move your Spirit among leaders of nations, guiding them to honor the rights of all human beings.

Make your strong presence known in places where people face abuse and are denied the ability to live with integrity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Open your holy reign of peace and freedom to those who are in dire need (*especially*). Heal their illnesses, relieve their pain, and renew them as only you are able. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide the journeys of all refugees and displaced peoples as they search for safe and secure homes. Strengthen them when they are weary, and make them hopeful for a peaceful end to wandering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praising you for all theologians and teachers (*such as Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, whom we commemorate today*), we ask you to impart the wisdom given the saints to all your people as we carry forth your mission in this world. 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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