

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025 11:30 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #388

O worship the King, all glorious above!

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day:

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 loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that

food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm 42

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
 while all day long they say to me,
 "Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
 how I went with the multitude and led them into the
 house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
 among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; *
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of
 Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 You grant me your loving-kindness in the daytime; *
 in the night season your song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength,
 "Why have you forgotten me? *
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses
 me?"

12 While my bones are being broken, *
 my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me *
 and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my
 God.

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn #658

As longs the deer for cooling streams

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory be to thee. O Lord

The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said,

"Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

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BCP 389

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal

Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP C) BCP 369
Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction

Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn #567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*
Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*
Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion , and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, and Terry Ebersole, Betty Burdge..

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt, Delbert Hess, and Randy Maurer.

Strawberries & Ice Cream Sunday

Please join us today after service for “Strawberries and Ice Cream”
Come join us for a bit of nostalgia.

Readers and Greeters — June-July 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

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| June 29 th | Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie |
| July 6 th | Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi |
| July 13 th | Richard Burkert & Tina Grata |
| July 20 th | Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell-Loncella |
| July 27 th | Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie |

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

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| June 29 th | Tina Grata & Joann Lacko |
| July 6 th | Melissa Babalonis & Aiden |
| July 13 th | Jane & Gerry Strittmatter |
| July 20 th | Sam & Heidi Buchan |
| July 27 th | Amy & Penn Whitlow |

Sunday: The Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 22nd 11:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

“Strawberries and Ice Cream Sunday”

June 26th & 27th “Rumble through the Valley”

Next Sunday: The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 29th 11:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 22, 2025

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of the redeemer, Squirrel Hill,
the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, and the Rev. Diane Shephard

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In loving Memory of

Pat Shaffer

From Larry and Family

(From 3/9/2025)

In Loving Memory of

Karl Marootian

Perpetual Flowers

(From 4/13/20-25)

Next Week's Readings

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

*Sharing Christ's Love Unconditionally through
Transformational worship and service*