St. Francis' Episcopal Church Sunday, August 11, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER US IN

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GATHERING SONG

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At 8am, sing verse 1. At 10:30am, sing all verses.



THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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At 8am, the congregation reads the antiphon together. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon together.



From out of the depths, I cry unto you,
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let your ear be open to my pleading. **ANTIPHON**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, then who could stand within your sight? But in you is found forgiveness for our failings. **ANTIPHON**

Just as those who wait for the morning light, even more I long for the Lord, my God, whose word to me shall ever be my comfort. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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THE GOSPEL READING

Deacon God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. 6:35, 41-51

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION HYMN 8am only

HERE IN CHRIST WE GATHER

BY EPHRAIM FEELEY

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS THE OFFERTORY 10:30 only

LEVAS 109



- 1. What a friend we have in Je - sus,
- 2. Have we tri als and temp ta tions?
- 3. Are we weak and heav y

All our sins and griefs to bear! there trou-ble an - y - where? Is

lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of



- 1. What a priv i lege to car - ry
- 2. We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged,
- 3. Pre cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge,

Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Take it to the Lord in prayer.



- 1. Oh, what peace we of ten for - feit,
- 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful
- thy friends de-spise, for sake thee? 3. Do

Oh, what need-less pain we bear, who will all our sor-rows share?

Take it the Lord in to prayer.



- 1. All be-cause we do not car - ry
- 2. Je-sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness,
- 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee,

Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.



SENDING HYMN 8:00am only

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Sing verse 1 of the music on page 5 of this insert.



You are welcome to take this green insert home with you for prayer or pondering.