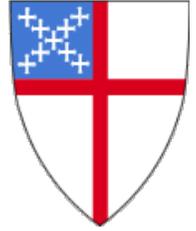


**The Lessons Appointed for Use
on the Sunday closest to June 8
And Prayers of The People**



The Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thank be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 130

**Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.
I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

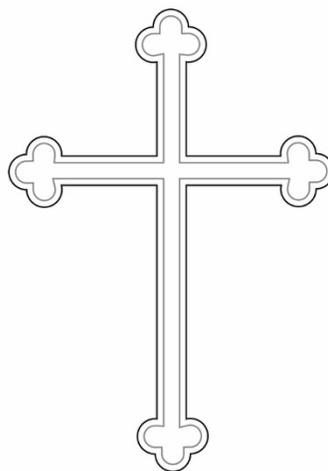
Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - "I believed, and so I spoke" - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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People **Thank be to God**



The Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

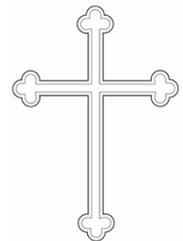
The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" - for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Prayers of The People

Lector We pray for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop and for the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

We pray for The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, our Bishop and the Diocese of Kansas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Leavenworth.

Lector Assist us, O God, to cleave to you in all things, for as in the story of the Garden when the first man and woman sought their own well-being, so we do not always understand what is best for us, and are in need of your sure guidance:

***People* Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord.**

Lector In the midst of momentary afflictions of body and spirit, help us not to lose heart, and to remember the weight of glory which you have established for us in the eternal realms:

***People* Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

Lector As Jesus faced controversy and was opposed on every hand, strengthen us to stand firm, and make your Church to be a house at unity with itself, praying especially for our Communion, Province, Diocese and parish:

***People* I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for the living God.**

Lector Keep our relationships loving and proportional and help us make no idol even of those we most cherish, for our Lord refused his mother and his sisters and brothers saying “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother:”

***People* My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.**

Lector Be with our sick, Lord Christ, and especially with those for whom we now pray (*the people may offer their petitions*), that they may know the consolation of your consolation, strength and healing:

***People* Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.**

Lector We know the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Christ, and will bring us together into God’s presence; so make your grace to extend more and more, that all humankind may rejoice with thanksgiving:

***People* With God there is plenteous redemption!**