

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God expects us to pay our debts.
“The wicked borrow and do not repay,
but the righteous give generously.” (Psalm 37:21)

FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

✧ As we pray, let us remember Annette; Lacey & her family; Steve; Fred; Karley; Janet; James; Shannon; John; Lexi; Sheri; Steve; Roy; Michael; Eddie; Terri; Anthony; Lisa; Todd; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Helen; Keira .

Our altar flowers are given by
Marc Delhotal & Sarah Corueil
and by Nat Harmon
*In memory of brother
William F. Harmon, HMC, USN (Ret.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 27TH WITH A COMBINED INTRODUCTORY CLASS FOR ALL CHILDREN 4 YRS OLD THROUGH 6TH GRADE AT 10 AM IN CHILTON HALL ROOM #4. There will be no class on Sunday, September 3rd due to Labor Day weekend. Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 10th at 9:45 am. Please see Peggy Diaz after the service in the Parish Hall to register your child for Sunday school!

REFUGEE MINISTRY

WE ARE IN LINE TO SPONSOR A NEW REFUGEE FAMILY so we are gathering furniture and other household items needed to furnish an apartment. There is a list of items on the Vestry Table under the Refugee Ministry sign. Please take a copy, let us know if you can supply any of these items. Contact Kurt Gruenberg, azkurtgrue@q.com or 623-376-0776 to coordinate any donations.

TAMALES WILL BE ON SALE TWO SUNDAYS ONLY: AUGUST 20 AND AUGUST 27. They are homemade and gluten free. Price is \$15 per dozen or \$8 for six. Payment is due at ordering; we accept cash and checks. Checks should be made out to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist with FTTA/Tamales in the memo line. The woman who makes the tamales is a friend of Rev Guerrero and will donate 20% of the proceeds to the FTTA (side window stained glass fund). The tamales can be picked up the night of the Forkloric Youth Dancers, September 16, 2017. The event is free and open to the public. Donation for the dance group will be appreciated.

GARDEN MINISTRY/RAFFLE We are selling tickets for a wall hanging titled "The Pledge of Allegiance". Proceeds go to add an arbor with planters on each side of the walkway from Chilton Hall. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held Sunday, September 10. Thank you for helping make the garden a place of "Quiet Contemplation" and beauty.

IF YOU HAVE AN EXPIRED DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONAL please consider recycling your copy by bringing it to church on or before August 13th. There is a receptacle for the used devotionals on the shelf in the parish hall. The devotionals will be used in blessing bags and large print editions will be taken to Perryville prison. Thank you!

2018 FLOWER DEDICATIONS

IF YOU LIKE PLANNING AHEAD, THE DEDICATION SIGN UP SHEETS FOR 2018 ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery Care	7:45-11:15AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Faith Through the Arts (L)	4:30 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	5 PM
	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study	6 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
Sun.	Nursery Care	7:45-11:15AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

brownie mix, pork and beans, green beans
macaroni, crackers

!!! WATER IS GREATLY NEEDED !!!

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
bottled water; candy (no chocolate);
Cheez-it crackers; chips;
cracker & cheese packets;
Pop Tarts