

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Love is the foundation of all giving.
Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

*“For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son . . .” (John 3:16).*

FIRST READING

Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.

Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and
fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they
were bound for.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of

salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**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 Dan; the Harmon family; the Davis & Nelson families; the Von Aspen family; Phylliss; Martha; Karl; Marilyn; Rosella; Lori; Don; Sarah; Rebecca & Ben; Alan; Rebecca; Natasha & Ben; Kyle; Mae; Shoney; HT; John; Robert; Lori; Keira.
- ✘ We remember those who have died, *especially* Phyllis Davis and Nat Harmon.

Our altar flowers are given by Marykay Nelson
*in memory of my Mom and in celebration of
her 93rd birthday.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK!

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE. THIS WEDNESDAY'S SERVICE IS A SPECIAL EVENT — CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARST WITH BISHOP SMITH AS CELEBRANT.

BROTHER EMMANUEL RETURNS TO AFRICA Perhaps you have met Brother Emmanuel Ike, a missionary who serves God and His church primarily in Nigeria and Kenya. We have enjoyed his presence at St. John's these past few weeks as he worships with us during his short time back in the States. Brother Emmanuel returns to Africa next Sunday and will take donated Bibles, children's clothing and children's shoes (sandals and flip-flops) to those in need, especially the widows and orphans he regularly visits. Be sure to ask him about his ministry! It's amazing what God does through this humble servant!

OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY IS IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. JOHN'S. We are now in a phase that involves all of us! We are requesting your input about the direction of our church — the first step will be a brief survey with questions on topics such as ministries, growth, facilities, and financial planning. The first step is to make a brief stop at the Ministry Table TODAY. Mike Werner will have a copy of our current directory so you can check your listing & make needed changes.

We ask that you take some time now to think and pray about your church, and your ideas for the future. This church is all of ours, and your opinions about the future are important!

THRIFT STORE REMINDER! Our store hours are 8-12 noon, Fridays & Saturdays. On 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays, all items are 25% off. Stop in & browse — you'll find great bargains!

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARIZONA'S COUNCIL OF NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY WITH SPECIAL GUEST AND SPIRITUAL LEADER, STEVE DARDEN. Steve is a ceremonial leader, part of the Navajo Human Rights Commission and is well-known in Native circles and wellness programs. This year's Council for Native American Ministry Retreat will be held August 24, 5:00 pm - August 25, 4:00 pm at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. For more information on this event or Native American Ministries, contact The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals at revdebroyals@gmail.com. Flyers can be found in our Parish Hall.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Today | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5) | 9 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

5:30-7:30PM

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| Wed. | Confirmation & Holy Eucharist II | 6:30 PM |
| Fri. | Thrift Shop (CH7) | 8 AM—12 Noon |
| Sat. | Thrift Shop (CH7) | 8 AM—12 Noon |
| Sun. | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Healing Litany & Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup, toothbrushes, toothpaste

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

granola bars, snack sized Oreos,
Rice Krispie treats