

# Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Rev. Jamie Samilio

**Masks are required when the COVID rate is above 10%. Thank you!**

**If you are worshipping online, you can find the Book of common Prayer at:  
<https://bcponline.org/> (The Holy Eucharist Rite II)**

**Prelude**

*Reflections on "The Valley of Peace"*

Albin C. Whitworth

**Opening Hymn 509** *Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!*

*Come as the light; to us reveal our emptiness and woe,  
and lead us in those paths of life whereon the righteous go.*

*Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame;  
let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's Name.*

*Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peaceful love;  
and let thy Church on earth become blest as the Church above.*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!*

## **The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

### **The Collect**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People*** ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **The First Lesson**

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon

them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm**

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## The Epistle

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord

**People**     ***Thanks be to God.***

## Sequence Hymn

*Taizé 20*

***O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,***

***O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

## The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with

one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

*Taizé 20*

*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song,  
The Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Jamie Samilio

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

We have heard today of the cost of discipleship. That we may be empowered to bear the name of Christ, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

The church of God is fragmented, we need the healing of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the church. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The world cries out for an increase of justice and for an end to war. Let us pray for the world. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Our country is striving for equality and a better life for all its citizens. Let us pray for our nation. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Our community seeks a better sense of its gifts and more wisdom into its problems. Let us pray for our community. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We know many people who are sick and suffering, who have public hurt or private pain. *Silence (The Congregation may add their own petitions.)*

Let us pray for all in need. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Our lives have been enriched by the lives of all those like Moses, the elders, and the disciples who have gone before us in the faith. Let us pray for grace to be disciples.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* We are thirsty, O merciful God; give us a cup of water to drink. Hear our prayers and answer our cries of need through your Son, Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP p. 360

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People*** ***And also with you.***

## **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

### **Offertory Music**

*The Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***

***Praise Him all creatures here below,***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## **The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

*During Communion Debbie and Barb will stand on each side of the steps. If you would like to have additional prayers said for healing or for special needs and concerns, go to one of them and they will pray with you before you return to your seat.*

### **Communion Hymn 309**

*O Food to Pilgrims Given*

Organ

***O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven,***

***O manna from on high! We hunger; Lord, supply us,***

***nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.***

***O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling***

***from out the Savior's side! We faint with thirst; revive us,***

***of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.***

*O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden  
in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is risen,  
we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.*

### **Act of Reception (For those receiving virtually.)**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 347**      *Go Forth for God; Go to the World in Peace*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
Till in his kingdom we behold his face.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak  
Help the afflicted; richly from above  
His love supplies the grace and power we seek.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
Render to no one evil; Christ at length  
Shall overcome all darkness with his light.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,  
To serve God's people every day and hour,  
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.*

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world trusting in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Praise God!*

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

***Thank you for worshipping with us today.***

## **Online Worship and Fellowship Links**

### **8:30AM Worship, via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81924368884?pwd=U1BGMnVZTlZhdlsxVUZBekhzbHJQZz09>

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