

Welcome to the



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Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday, August 6: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Eph 4:17-24
Tuesday, August 7: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Cor 12:27-31
Wednesday, August 8: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:20-36; Mark 8:1-10
Thursday, August 9: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 13:37-14:24; Romans 15:1-6
Friday, August 10: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 14:25-33; Galatians 6:1-10
Saturday, August 11: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; Matthew 7:7-11

Thought for the Week

"Now the whole concept of 'Christendom' has gone.

Our God is a God that moves.

The Reformation was part of God's plot,
but it broke the theory of a central authority.

The Renaissance gave birth to a wonderful race of emancipated
men. It also gave birth to monsters."

George MacLeod "Only One Way Left"

(published in 1956 - and dedicated to his wife "who is always right"!)

Order of Service for Sunday 5th August 2018

Sunday 5 August 2018
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please stand to receive God's Word into your midst.

Welcome

Call to Worship - (congregational lines are **in bold**)
All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.
All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.
Why spend your earnings on what is not food?
Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?
Here, without money, here, without price,
all may enjoy the bread of heaven.
God speaks, and all who listen will have life.

Praise: For the beauty of the earth (CH4 181 Tune 1)

Prayer of Approach

Children's Message

Praise: I've got that joy, joy, joy (JP 121)

By George W Cooke

I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy
down in my heart
down in my heart
down in my heart.
I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy
down in my heart
down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the peace that passes understanding ...

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder, The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Today's Gospel Reading: **John 6 : 24 – 35**

(p. 1070)

24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, *"Rabbi, when did you get here?"*

26 Jesus answered, *"Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill."*

27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him *God the Father has placed his seal of approval.*"

28 Then they asked him, *"What must we do to do the works God requires?"*

29 Jesus answered, *"The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."*

30 *So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"*

31 *Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'* "

32 *Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.*

33 *For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

34 *"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."*

35 *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*

Reflection and Prayer

Praise: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (MP 251)

Bad Boys of the Bible - Abraham

Reading: **Genesis 18 : 16 – 33** (p. 18)

16 *When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.*

17 *Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"*

18 *Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.*

19 *For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."*

20 *Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous*

21 *that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."*

22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

23 *Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"*

24 *What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?*

25 *Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"*

26 *The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."*

27 *Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes,*

28 *what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."*

29 *Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."*

30 *Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."*

31 *Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."*

32 *Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."*

33 *When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.*

Sermon - Part 1

Praise: The God of Abraham praise

(MP 645 – omit v.3)

Reading: **Genesis 22 : 1 – 19**

(p. 22)

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, *“Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.*

2 *Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”*

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5 *He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”*

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

7 *Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”*

8 *Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.*

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 *But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.*

12 *“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”*

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And *to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."*

15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time

16 *and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,*

17 *I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,*

18 *and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."*

19 Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

Sermon - Part 2

Praise: Fight the good fight

(MP 143)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving & Intercession

Church News

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Praise: Bread of the world

(Tune: Spiritus Vitae)

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the world, in mercy shed;
by whom the words of life were spoken
and in whose death our sins are dead.

2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed,
and make your feast to us the token

that by your grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer - in which after the words, "Thank you, God"

You're invited to respond: **"Thank you, God."**

Later, after the words: "... of the Church on earth and in heaven:" please say:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And just before the distribution of the elements:

Lamb of God, ***you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

Lamb of God, ***you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

Lamb of God, ***you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.***

Praise: Sing of the Lord's goodness

(CH4 157)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen

- *followed by the sung Benediction*

Go now in peace, never be afraid ...

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