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The Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn #401 The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

*The Gospel Acclamation



Verse Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; *
 You have the words of everlasting life.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, Bishop of Newark

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, guide your church into all truth. Remind us that what unites us is greater than that which divides us. Help us be a light to the world, a true reflection of your grace to all people.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the gift of your good creation, and for the joy and love which surrounds us on every side. Grant us times of rest and refreshment that our minds, our bodies, and our souls may be turned toward you.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the gift of this church family: the joy we share with each other in times of celebration, and the support we offer each other in times of challenge and sorrow. Guide us as we continue to live out our call to love you, love our neighbors and love ourselves.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Fill them with light and love, and make them a blessing to those around them.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill or under great stress, including those on our prayer list, and all whose struggles are known to you alone. Surround them with your care and restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and way.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. Make your light to shine upon them and grant them peace.

God of love, hear our prayer.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

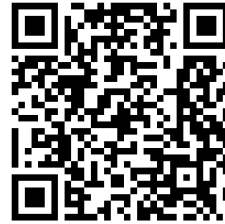
And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

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*Offertory Anthem

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people
O sing unto God with the voice of melody
For the Lord is high and to be fear'd
He is the great king upon all the Earth

He shall subdue the people under us
And the nations under our feet
He shall choose out an heritage for us
Even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved

God is gone up with a merry noise
With a merry noise. With a merry noise
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet

O sing praises, sing praises unto the King
For God is the King of all the earth
Sing ye praises with understanding

O clap your hands together all ye people
O clap your hands. Clap your hands
Clap your hands. Clap your hands

Clap your hands together all ye people
Clap your hands together all ye people
Clap your hands, all ye people!

- Psalm 47:1-7

*Doxology

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S125

Celebrant & People

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Maureen Howell

***Communion Anthem** You and I Natalie Sleeth
Junior Choir

*Who's goin' to tell the story? You and I!
Tell of the Lord great glory? You and I!
Who's goin' to let the whole world know?
Help His disciples grow and multiply?
You and I!*

*Jesus came to bring us Good News,
Sent to Earth by God above!
And the Good News that He
Brought us is the word of love!*

*Who's goin' to bring the kingdom? You and I!
Who's goin' to spread the gospel? You and I!
Who's goin' to do the kindly deed?
Comfort the one in need and help supply?
You and I!*

*Who's goin' to feed the hungry? You and I!
Care for the sick and lonely? You and I!
Who's goin' to let the whole world see
People can live in harmony? Let's try?
You and I! You and I!*

***Communion Hymn #325** Let us break bread together *Let Us Break Bread*

***Communion Anthem** Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit Thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve Thee faithfully.*

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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 #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The Voluntary

Glory and Praise Be to the Highest God

Johann Krebs

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Usher: Mike Ragsdale

Altar Guild: Janet Jenkins,

Mary Ann Risley

10:00 am

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins

Lectors: Walter Thies, Mary Ann Risley,

Debbie Mello

L.E.M.: Mark Hoyer

Ushers: Randy Kurie and Erika Clavel

Joining us in worship & fellowship on May 31, 2026

8:00 am: 43

10:00 am: 162

Christ Church Prayer List

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:

Aiden, Aiden, Alex, Ann, Arlene, Art, Arya, Brad, Cano Family, Carlyne, Chuck, Cindy, Craig, Daryl, Diana, Diana, Ed, Ed, Gail, George, Inga, Irene, James, Jason, Jaysen, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jennifer, Jerry, Jim D., Jim W., Jimmy, Joe, Joey, John, John, Karla, Laura, Lindsay, Lorraine, Lorraine, Lou, Louis, Louis, Louise, Lynn, Madeline, Marie, Marie, Mary, Mary, Mary, Mike, Nadine, Paul, Richie, Ryan, Sharon, Sharon S., Terry, Theresa, Thomas, Val.

We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Randy Park, Sophia Alicea (June 8), Antonio Sebastiano (June 10),
Michelle Wiebel (June 11), Lily Ragsdale (June 13)

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Cate & Dusty Terwilliger (June 9)

We want to be praying with you!

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list.*

Please note: names will be retained for three months, unless otherwise requested.



**Contemplative Prayer Group
Tomorrow Evening
Monday, June 8 from 7-8 pm**

Our monthly Contemplative Prayer Group will meet **tomorrow evening at 7 pm.** Give yourself the gift of an hour in our sacred space. For more information, please speak with Diana Greene.

This Morning we welcome our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes!

About Bishop Hughes

On May 19, 2018, the Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was elected as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Newark on the first ballot. Upon her consecration on September 22, 2018 at NJPAC, she became the first woman and African American to serve as bishop of this diocese.

A life-long Episcopalian, Hughes was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas. She earned a BA in Drama from the University of Texas in Austin, and for 20 years she made her home in New York City, while pursuing a career in Human Resources as a corporate trainer, mostly in the hotel industry.



While in NYC she discerned a call to the priesthood and attended Virginia Theological Seminary, earning a M.Div. in 2005. After a Lilly Fellowship at St. James' Church in New York City, she was called to serve as rector first at St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, NY; and most recently at Trinity Church, Ft. Worth, TX. Hughes describes her ministry there as one in which she helped others "discover the ways they are called to serve God and God's people... supporting, encouraging, and empowering them to go and do what God created them to do." Because, Hughes stated, "Today's church is not one that can rest on the past while waiting for people to come and ask about the faith. Instead God is guiding us to be active participants in the world. An important element of my ministry... is to nurture and guide our capacity to build relationships with neighbors locally or on the other side of the globe."



The Episcopal Diocese *of* Newark

About the office and ministry of a bishop:

One of the three orders of ordained ministers in the church, bishops are charged with the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the church. Bishops represent Christ and his church, and they are called to provide Christian vision and leadership for their dioceses.

The Book of Common Prayer (p. 855) notes that the bishop is “to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.” Bishops stand in the apostolic succession, maintaining continuity in the present with the ministry of the Apostles. Bishops serve as chief pastors of the church, exercising a ministry of oversight and supervision.

Diocesan bishops hold jurisdiction in their dioceses, with particular responsibility for the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the church. Bishops serve as the focus for diocesan unity and for the unity of their dioceses with the wider church.

Since the bishop's ministry is a ministry of oversight, the term “episcopal” (derived from the Greek *episcopos*, “overseer”) is applied to matters pertaining to bishops. An “episcopal” church is a church governed by bishops, and “episcopal” services (including the ordination of clergy, celebration of new ministries, and consecration of churches and chapels) are led by bishops.



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