

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

People Then Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

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- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Signs of endings all around us darkness, death, and winter days
 shroud our lives in fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long to praise.
 Come, O Christ, and dwell among us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.

Can it be that from our endings, new beginnings you create?
 Life from death, and from our endings, realms of wholeness generate?
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew:
 Fading light and dying season sing their Glorias to you.

Speak, O God, your Word among us. Barren lives your presence fill.
 Swell our hearts with songs of gladness, terrors calm forebodings still.
 Let your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth;
 your dominion bring now near us; we await the saving birth.

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The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

John 18:33-37

The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence***The Nicene Creed**

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**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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Katherine our presiding Bishop; Nedi our Bishop; Janet our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. *(Congregation adds petitions)*
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Jane Schafroth, Dave Yakish, Ginny Reiman, Anna Miller, and Guy Moser. I ask your thanksgivings. *(Congregations adds thanksgivings)*

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence (Congregation adds petitions)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Stand or Kneel

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

Silence

**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.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) and education needs in the Holy Land.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer *Albert May Malotte*

Soloist: Tori Dickinson Rask

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive; Please come forward for the bread and wine or for a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymns

Thy Kingdom Come

Hymnal 615

Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

the day to whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

My Lord, what a morning, My Lord, what a morning,
O my Lord, what a morning, When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner mourn, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

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 Celebrant may bless the people

The Closing Hymn

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Hymnal 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say,
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let s rise;
Christ, our son, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from Heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father, and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

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Deacon and children [Dismissal]

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Servers This Morning~ Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Acolyte: Denise Beasley; Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist: Ned Kice; Lector: Gretchen Kimsey,
Prayers of the People: Shirley Bjelland and Don Dickinson; Altar Guild: Alice Rohrbacher and Monte Dickinson;
Altar Bread: Kim McCullough; Coffee Hour: Gretchen Kimsey; Greeters: John and Janet Mabrey.*

*Today's flowers at the altar are given by Rusty and Gretchen Kimsey
in thanksgiving for Advent and life's new beginnings.*

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family, including Susan, Carolyn, Tim Rippee, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Matthew Ketchum, Albert South, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

Monday	Book Group	7:00 pm	Library
	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm	TH
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm	
Wednesday	Parish Potluck	5:30 pm	TH
	Knitters	6:30-8:00 pm	
	AA meeting	7:00 pm	CR
Thursday	Healing Service	12:00 noon	
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	7:00 am	TH
	Mission and Outreach	8:30 am	L

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

*Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 16;
Philippians 1-3:11; Luke 3:1-6*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MONDAY: Book Study! *Mountains Beyond Mountains: Healing the World: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer*, by Tracy Kidder. It is a very readable and amazing story of one person's dedication to Haiti and public health issues throughout the world.

First Wednesday POTLUCK: Once again we will join together for a time of great food, fellowship, and fun; feel free to come for as long or short a time as works with your schedule- there's lots going on!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE of St. Paul's would like to continue our tradition of helping families in need at Christmas. We will still work with St. Vincent de Paul but would like input from the congregation as well. Do you know someone who could use a little extra help with gifts or food for their family this Christmas? Would you like to help with this project or make deliveries? Please contact Pam Miller or Rev. Janet with either names of people needing assistance or your name if you would like to volunteer.

HAITI AIR: The airplane in the narthex is awaiting your sign-up in the windows, to indicate support and prayers for the Haiti team and the mission trip to Cap Haitien in January 2010. Please put your name on a window of the plane, and know that you'll be going with us in this plane. Thanks!

FROM THE DALLES TO IRAQ: Please remember to add to the box of school supplies we are gathering to send to Amy and Gavin for the orphanage they are supporting. ALSO, more boxes will be sent to Sgt. Albert South who would appreciate nutritious snacks of any kind. The already filled boxes are blessed and on their way, and the new ones await you!

COMING UP: A Year of Parties! Once again we are asking people to host parties as a fund raiser for Episcopal Relief and Development. If you have an idea for a party and are willing to host, please contact Jill Durow at dandurow@charter.net. Watch *The Messenger* for more details.

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

THANKS to Rustin and Gretchen Kimsey for coffee hour today. Thanks to all who make every Sunday get-together, such a warm and friendly event.

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