

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 54

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- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, * those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; * in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

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These three are the treasures to strive for and prize:
 be gentle, live simply and have the humility
 to shy from the struggle to put oneself first, these are the pearls.

If mercy's abandoned by those who'd be brave,
 economy squandered by those who'd be generous,
 humility slighted by those who would lead, this is sure death.

Be gentle and you can afford to be bold,
 be frugal and so have enough to be liberal,
 be humble and thus be a leader of all, this is the way.

Through gentleness those who attack win the fight,
 and those who defend have their safety in gentleness;
 this gentleness rests in the children of God, this is their sign.

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel Kuot

Silence

The Nicene Creed

BCP 355

**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

Father, we pray for all members of your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. We pray for the retired clergy of this parish; for Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert. We pray for Father Noe and the people of Cap Haitien; for Father Daniel and the people of Sudan; for all members of this parish in their diverse ministries and service; and for all who serve in your church;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for members of this parish, especially for Myrna Kinner, Joann Manciu, Scott Forster, Jerry Browne, and Cal McDermid. We pray for the Haiti Mission Team; the Sunday School teachers, and for all who go forth to serve others in your name.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Open our eyes to see you in all things;
That we may find your peace, blessing and grace in all we do.

We pray today for Sandy, Megan, Anne, Caroline, Dale, Dean and Mary Elinor.
Please add your own intercessions at this time.
(Congregation adds petitions)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Congregation adds petitions) The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin *Stand or Kneel*

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

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for ministry and aid to the people in the Sudan

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 A

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.**

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:

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

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Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.

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.

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 Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may bless the people

The Closing Hymn

Siyahamba

Hymnal 787

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kewnkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahambe, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching we are marching, marching, We are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kewnkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahambe, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Deacon [Dismissal]

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Preacher: The Rev. Daniel Kuot; Acolyte: Brandon Adams; Worship Leader: Lynne Gill; Eucharist Minister: Ned Kice;
Lector: Diane Adams; Prayers of the People: Marilyn Roth and Denise Beasley; Pianist: Rule Beasley;
Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey and Doris Smith; Altar Bread: Chuck Miller;
Coffee Hour: John and Janet Mabrey; Greeter: Ron and Dewanda Clark.*

*Today's flowers are given by Andrea Booren in loving memory of her father
Andrew Agner, who died August 13th 1964.*

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family, especially Audean, Piper, Dolly, Bill and Laurie Whitacre, Jill McHale, Ed Urness, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Mary Emerson, Jan Jarding, Cathy Dahl, Marilyn Cornwell, Dorothy Wilson, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, 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 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 AA "open" meeting 7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Quilters 7:00 pm 9 pm CR
Tuesday Bible Study 1:00 pm Library
Wednesday AA "closed" meeting 7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Thursday Healing Service Noon
Friday Cursillo 5:30-9:00 pm Tayler Hall
Saturday Cursillo Ultreya

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29;
Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20;
Mark 9:38-50

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL THANKS TO FATHER DANIEL KUOT for being with us and thanks to all who are making his visit possible.

CURSILLO GRAND ULTREYA will be on Friday evening, September 25th and is open to everyone. Registration and introductions will begin at 5:30 pm in Taylor Hall. The evening will include dinner, singing, hearing our own Ron Fullmer speak about his prison ministry called Kairos, and sharing Eucharist.

Please come join us for a spirit-filled and joyful gathering and be sure to call Gretchen at 296-5628 with your offerings of help.

PARISH POTLUCKS, FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH are back, thanks to Ava Sue Kerr's suggestion. Please call her for more information.

ST. FRANCIS BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS will be on Sunday October 4, between services, on the lawn. Please bring pets leashed, in carriers, haltered, as appropriate. We will have a short service and of thanks and praise, and the joy of blessing the animals.

COMMUNITY MEALS St. Paul's is scheduled to help serve and clean up for Community Meals on October 4th; please plan to help if you can. Check with Denise Beasley for more information.

HAITI DINNER FUNDRAISER will be held at the church on October 18th. It will be a delicious and festive gathering, so please save the date!

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.

*Also, 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!

THE THANK OFFERINGS this quarter support the work of reconciliation, education, health care and community development in Sudan. This support is vital to the recovery of the people who live in the war-ravaged South of Sudan.

CHECK *The Messenger* and the web site for news and committee reports, information about what's going on in the parish, pictures of events, schedules for servers, and all kinds of information our parish family needs to stay in touch! Deadline for the October issue is TODAY, September 20!

THANKS - To John and Janet Mabrey for coffee hour today!

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