

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

at ten o'clock

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

Dale Wood

Hymn 302 stz.1

God moves in a mysterious way

Penitential Order

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HYMN 302 stz. 2

Watch o'er thy church, O Lord

Collect and Scripture on insert

see insert

Hymn 677

stz. 1-3 before & stz. 4 - 6 after the Gospel

Sermon

“Getting our act together”

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People – Form 4

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Collect for Proper 3, Blessings and the Peace

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Announcements and Parish Celebrations

Wardens and Parish Leaders

Hymn 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

During Communion:

Organist's choice

Thanksgiving after Communion

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HYMN 613

Thy kingdom come, O God!

Postlude: *Fanfare in D Major*

Charles Ore



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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the street doors to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and so support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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Interim Minister – Archie M. Palmer, Jr. – Cell = 973-986-2627 – archie@annunciationoradell.org

Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

In Our Prayers: Nicky Gray, Patty Sayre, Bob Gray, James Boothe, Richard Simms, Laura Munson, Dotti Zebrowski, Marie Papp, Clare Simpson, Sue Demay, Alice Bezdjian, Gary Hoag.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hilton Clinch by Eileen, Kim, Laurie & Pam.

The Absent Guest Plate is a second offering received at the choir steps each week. It is immediately given away for charitable purposes – today to **Madoche Jean Louis** a child living in Haiti, whom we have sponsored for years through Compassion International.

Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf, Benjamin Royal.

Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Marie Mitchell, Phyllis Thurlow, Muriel Depken
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Grace Oliff

This Week at Annunciation

Mon 18 June – Vestry Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Wed 20 Jun – Holy Communion & Healing @ 11:00 am
Wed 20 Jun – Bible Study: Acts 1 @ 7:30 pm

Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

6/20=Joseph Butler 6/27=Birth of John the Baptist 7/4=NO SERVICE

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 7:30 pm

Wed 20 Jun Acts 2:1-47 – Pentecost and First Testimony in Jerusalem
Wed 27 Jun Acts 3:1-26 – Peter in the Temple
Wed 4 July NO SESSION

Notes about Today's Scripture Readings

Today's Gospel reading is a series of brief parables in which Jesus describes the Kingdom of God. His primary image is of something that seems small and weak, but which through God grows into the greatest of its kind. So we realize that, until the appearance of Jesus, God's plan was unknown and hidden. But now in Jesus' ministry it is revealed as the rule of God over the entire universe.

In the first reading, God, having rejected Saul, the first king, sends Samuel to the family of Jesse of Bethlehem to choose one of his sons as king. Samuel first seeks to choose one of his strong, handsome adult sons. But God directs him not to judge by outward appearance. The youngest son, still a boy, is the one designated by God. God's preference for what seems insignificant in order that God's power may be manifested is a consistent theme throughout the scriptures. David will become the great king.

Today's reading from Second Corinthians discusses the temporary and incomplete nature of our life in this world. Our ultimate life is in the Kingdom of God where everything and everyone in Christ is a new creation. In the meantime, we are to live as though we were already in that Kingdom.

For a brief time, in the Eucharist, we have a foretaste of God's Kingdom, and we live in the presence of Christ as redeemed people. Not yet consummated, the Kingdom is, for a moment, revealed. It is likewise revealed whenever we, in obedience to our Lord, minister in his name to others, especially to the poor and the sick and the oppressed.

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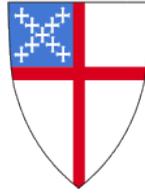
Scripture Readings for the Next Three Sundays

6/24 Pentecost 4 [7] 1st Samuel 17:1a & 4-11 & 19-23 & 32-49, Psalm 6:9-20,
2nd Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

7/1 Pentecost 5 [8] 2nd Samuel 1:1 & 17-27, Psalm 130, 2nd Corinthians 8:7-15,
Mark 5:21-43

7/8 Pentecost 6 [9] 2nd Samuel 5:1-5 & 9-10, Psalm 48, 2nd Corinthians 12:2-10,
Mark 6:1-13

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The Collect

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

1st Samuel 15:34—16:13

Samuel went to Ramah. And Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

Samuel did what the Lord commanded and went to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord does not see as mortals see: they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought David in.

Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the

presence of his brothers. And the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Response: Psalm 20 – alternating at the asterisk

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The New Testament Lesson

2nd Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident—even though we know that, while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others. But we ourselves are well known to God. And I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For, if we are beside ourselves, it is for God. If we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all – therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view. Even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new!

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. Yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.