

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

The First Lesson ~ Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-8 (chanted responsively)

The choir will chant the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered (bolded) verses.



¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,*
and whose sin is | put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,*
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,*
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

⁶ **I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the Lord."*
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.**

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁸ **You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

The Second Lesson ~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

(We stand as the choir sings the appointed verse of the day. We prepare to hear about Jesus.)

The Gospel ~ Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 15th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #291 Jesus Sinners Will Receive

MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT

Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 105

Prayers of the People

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us, along with a nod, handshake, or hug.)

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #99 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

vs. 4

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 109

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 110

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 111

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me.

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p.114 Lamb of God, you take away the sins

Holy Communion

Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive the Lord’s Supper. As you come forward, you may take a cup from the usher’s tray. You do not have to. You can also dip the bread into the second chalice or drink from that chalice. But if you want some wine poured into your own cup, you may use an empty cup. The filled cups contain grape juice. After taking a cup, we will form a semi-circle. There, we partake of the sacrament together with each other and the saints who have come before us. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The pastor will give you bread, which you can eat as soon as you get it or you can dip (instinct) it. After drinking the wine, put the empty cup in a tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat, not back into the tray from which you took the empty cup.