

First Scripture Reading  
**1 Samuel 17:32-49**  
from the Common English Bible

<sup>32</sup>“Don’t let anyone lose courage because of this Philistine!” David told Saul. “I, your servant, will go out and fight him!” <sup>33</sup>“You can’t go out and fight this Philistine,” Saul answered David. “You are still a boy. But he’s been a warrior since he was a boy!” <sup>34</sup>“Your servant has kept his father’s sheep,” David replied to Saul, “and if ever a lion or a bear came and carried off one of the flock, <sup>35</sup> I would go after it, strike it, and rescue the animal from its mouth. If it turned on me, I would grab it at its jaw, strike it, and kill it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has fought both lions and bears. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them because he has insulted the army of the living God. <sup>37</sup>“The Lord,” David added, “who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine.” “Go!” Saul replied to David. “And may the Lord be with you!” <sup>38</sup>Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup>David strapped his sword on over the armor, but he couldn’t walk around well because he’d never tried it before. “I can’t walk in this,” David told Saul, “because I’ve never tried it before.” So he took them off. <sup>40</sup>He then grabbed his staff and chose five smooth stones from the streambed. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s bag and with sling in hand went out to the Philistine. <sup>41</sup>The Philistine got closer and closer to David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. <sup>42</sup>When the Philistine looked David over, he sneered at David because he was just a boy; reddish brown and good-looking. <sup>43</sup>The Philistine asked David, “Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?” And he cursed David by his

gods. <sup>44</sup>“Come here,” he said to David, “and I’ll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!” <sup>45</sup>But David told the Philistine, “You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel’s army, the one you’ve insulted. <sup>46</sup>Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head! Today I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the entire Philistine camp to the wild birds and the wild animals. Then the whole world will know that there is a God on Israel’s side. <sup>47</sup>And all those gathered here will know that the Lord doesn’t save by means of sword and spear. The Lord owns this war, and he will hand all of you over to us.” <sup>48</sup>The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone. He slung it, and it hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell face-down on the ground.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

**9:11-20**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>11</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!  
**Tell among the peoples God's deeds.**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord who avenges blood is mindful of them...  
**and does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

<sup>13</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord! See what I suffer from those  
who hate me...

**You are the One who lifts me up from the gates of  
death, <sup>14</sup>that I may recount all your praises, and, in  
the gates of the daughter of Zion, rejoice in your  
deliverance.**

<sup>15</sup>The nations have sunk in the pit which they made...  
**their own foot has been caught in the net which  
they hid.**

<sup>16</sup>The Lord is made known! The Lord has executed  
judgment!  
**The wicked are snared in the work of their own  
hands.**

<sup>17</sup>The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget  
God.  
**<sup>18</sup>For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and  
the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.**

<sup>19</sup>Arise, O Lord! Let not mortals prevail...  
**let the nations be judged before you!**

<sup>20</sup>Put them in fear, O Lord...

let the nations know that they are mortal.

Second Scripture Reading

**Mark 4:35-41**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>35</sup>Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to  
them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." <sup>36</sup>They  
left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other  
boats followed along. <sup>37</sup>Gale-force winds arose, and waves  
crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped.

<sup>38</sup>But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow.  
They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that  
we're drowning?" <sup>39</sup>He got up and gave orders to the wind,  
and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind  
settled down and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>Jesus asked  
them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

<sup>41</sup>Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is  
this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"