

The Lessons

First Reading – Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
 praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
 praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
 praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
 and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
 for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
 creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
 old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 13:31-35**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, Lord Christ

Prayers of the People - Form III

Celebrant Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.
Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.
Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, and for the war in Ukraine to end and peace to prevail.
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, especially in our search for a new rector.
People God's compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.
Intercessor Let us pray for healing for **Richard, Tirzah, Peg, Linda, Billy, Joseph, Eric, George, Nick, Bill, Bobbi, Fox, Connie, Margie, Jerry, Bonnie, Jack, and Barb** (*silence*).
Let us pray for the healing of all who are suffering from the virus and other diseases.
Also, for our own needs, and those of others. (*silence*)
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
People That they may be delivered from their distress.
Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. We also pray for the souls of all who died in the Pandemic.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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Announcements

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer

Every Thursday at 9:30am on Zoom. Megan Bartlett and a few others meet for ten minutes via Zoom to pray for the needs of Gloria Dei as we search for a new rector. We are following the Morning Devotion service in the Book of Common Prayer and lift up to God our personal and parish needs.

Meeting ID: 338 124 1574 Call in: 1-646-558-8656

If you have the BCP, turn to page 137.

Flea Market on May 21

Save your wonderful gently used items for the Church Table!

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

Mercy Hospice Recovery Books

We are giving Mercy Hospice copies of their favorite recovery books. Green envelopes with donations (and copies of the books we have purchased to date!) are in the back of the church.

History Book Festival

Sunday, May 15 from 1:00 – 6:00pm. Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation invites local authors of Philadelphia area history – **both non-fiction and fiction for adults or children** – to attend its first-ever History Book Festival. Food and refreshments will be available. **Attendance is free.** Both children and adults are welcome.

Jazz and Joe

Saturday, May 26 from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Jazz & Joe is a "coffee-house" style venue. Active listening and quiet conversation is welcome throughout the evening. Refreshments are served, and attendees are welcome to BYOB. This event is free, but donations are appreciated to help defray costs.