



Readings

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Psalm: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

²Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴He 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!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

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; 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Third Reading: John 13:31-35

A Reading from John.

[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."

The Word of the Lord.

Prayers of The People

Sisters and brothers, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God, *make all things new.*"

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, Walter, Lisa and Chip, our Priests, Members of our Armed Forces, The Scottish Episcopal Church, Members and Ministry of the New Jersey Ministry to the Imprisoned and those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer; Tori Johnson and Delaney Glock.

Silence

Loving God, ***Make all things new.***

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Loving God, ***Make all things new.***

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command, all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation.

Silence

Loving God, ***Make all things new.***

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse, and hatred.

Silence

Loving God, ***Make all things new.***

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. We pray for the sick; Mary Ann Schrack, William Sorrell, Marty, Rick, William Lawrence Meyer, and Jesse Peterson and others we wish to pray for; Dominick B.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Loving God, ***Make all things new.***

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

Silence

Loving God, ***Make all things new.***