

This Week at St. John's

October 7, 2007

About the Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-6 [7-11] 12-13; 2:1-4

Habakkuk, like many other righteous persons, bombards heaven's gates with questions about the prevalence of violence, destruction, and injustice. He cannot understand why the Lord, "my Holy One," keeps silent and permits such things to continue. Then comes the Lord's answer: he who is not upright will fail, "but the righteous shall live by his faith" (2:2-4).

Psalm 37:3-10

The psalmist seems to be a wise old person (v.26) who is counseling someone who is upset over the prevalence of evil. His advice is, "Do not fret yourself; be patient. Your righteousness will win out, and the evildoers will perish" (vss. 7, 10, 20).

II Timothy 1:[1-5] 6-14

This little epistle, which we begin to read serially today, opens with an expression of the writer's confidence in Timothy as a minister, and then goes on to urge him to adhere to the teaching about Christ Jesus which he has received.

Luke 17: 5-10

This passage is part of a longer section of Jesus' teaching on several subjects. In its opening verses, the Lord says that faith in God is a power which takes impossibilities in its stride. This is followed by the parable of the master and the slave, which is a warning against a bookkeeping mentality in our relations with God. Therefore, abandon the idea of building up merit in your approach to God.

(Commentary from *Sunday's Scriptures: An Interpretation* by William Sydnor)

Announcements

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

Child care is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bradley Dale Gilchrist and in thanksgiving for Lilburn Smith, by Debby Williams.

The Ton of Food Program will continue during the fall months. Any food and food-related items will be accepted, as well as detergents, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. Canned fruits and vegetables and fruit juices are always in demand and appreciated. The Outreach Ministry Group would like to extend their thanks to the parishioners for their participation in the Ton of Food Program.

About the Episcopal Church

Altar of Repose: Altar on which the bread and wine that have been consecrated on Maundy Thursday are reserved for communion on Good Friday. Often used as the focus for prayer and meditation for a night vigil on Maundy Thursday.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in West Africa and for the Most Rev. Justice Ofei Akrofi, Archbishop of West Africa and Bishop of Accra.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's Church, Springfield; the Very Rev. Jerry L. Miller, Rector.

Birthdays

- Oct. 8 Michael Comstock
- Oct. 9 Harriet Mears
Charles Patterson
Elizabeth Walstrand
- Oct. 11 Keith Chaffin
Champ Herren
Melva King
Thomas P. Richardson
Thomas Robinson
- Oct. 12 James Hancock
- Oct. 13 Andrew Bilyk

Anniversary

- Oct. 8 Bruce & Vicki Ratcliff

Faithful Departed

- Oct. 7 Lena Burns
Belinda Twitty
Rachael White
- Oct. 9 Allie B. Nickelson
- Oct. 10 Ilah Dixon
Frances Wilke
- Oct. 11 Henry Guthrie
- Oct. 12 Mary B. Robertson

Prayer Requests

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| Trudy | Maxine |
| Terri | Dee |
| Gladys | Susan |
| Ella | Lauretta |
| Ruth | Jerry |
| Ken | Margi |
| Rachel | Nancy |
| Pamela | Kathy |
| Tracey | Buddy |
| Julie | Laurie |
| Pat | John |
| Bill | Thomas |
| Dixie | Mirth |
| Mary | |

Calendar

Sunday October 7 (19 Pentecost)	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Mass— Rite I <i>Brotherhood of St. Andrew Brunch</i> Rector's Forum Youth Class Church School Mass— Rite II (sung) <i>Brotherhood of St. Andrew Brunch</i> Endowment/Legacy Committee
Monday October 8 (Feria)	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Mass Evangelism Committee Stewardship Committee
Tuesday October 9 (Robert Grosseteste)	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Mass AA (Women's Group) AA
Wednesday October 10 (Feria)	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Mass Dinner Choir Adult Bible Study
Thursday October 11 (Philip the Evangelist)	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer St. Clare's Crafters Mass Evening Prayer
Friday October 12 (Wilfrid of York)		
Saturday October 13 (Edward the Confessor)	10:00 a.m.	Southern Deanery Meeting (Christ Church, Springfield)
Sunday October 14 (20 Pentecost)	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite I Rector's Forum Outreach Ministry Group Youth Class Church School Mass— Rite II (sung)

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE, GOD CALLS FOR AND ENABLES OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10).



What is your legacy to God's church?