

# *This Week at St. John's*

*June 24, 2007*

## **About the Readings**

### **Zechariah 12:8-10; 13:1**

This is part of an oracle foretelling the victory of the Lord's people over the heathen in the day of the coming messianic king. The nation is under God's protection and is given his commanding strength. The words "when they look on him whom they have pierced" may refer to a martyred prophet of the future or even to a martyred messiah. We naturally think of Jesus.

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

The piety of the psalms is well illustrated here. In his intimate communion with God the psalmist is aware of the divine majesty and protection.

### **Galatians 3:23-29**

Paul speaks of the transition from seeking to win God's favor through observance of the law and discovering that we have God's favor through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Luke 9:18-24**

This is a watershed moment in the lives of the disciples of Jesus. Peter put the insight of the disciples into word: Jesus is not merely a prophet; he is the Messiah. To this momentous revelation Jesus adds another; he will be rejected and suffer and be killed and rise again. The majesty of the Messiah will be revealed through his death and resurrection.

(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 thanksgiving for the anniversary of the births of Jerry, Lee, Scott, and Kyle by Fr. Jerry & Betty Miller; and in memory of Henry Ledgerwood by Evelyn Ledgerwood.

**The Ton of Food Program** will continue during the summer 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.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** The liturgy proper to July 4, Independence Day, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4. Because the Eucharist will be offered at 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer will be recited at 8:30 a.m. that day. Also, there will be no celebration of Mass that evening. After the liturgy, the Midtown Neighborhood Association Board (of which Father Miller is a member) will once again sponsor its annual July 4 parade in Midtown. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last about one hour. The parade ends at Washington Park, where there will be free ice cream and entertainment. Mark your calendars now!

## **About The Episcopal Church**

**Pulpit:** Elevated stand of wood, stone, or metal from which the sermon is usually preached. Located on the north side of the nave in traditionally arranged churches, the pulpit may also be the place from which the gospel is read. Contemporary churches often combine the lectern and pulpit in one. Sometimes covered by a fabric hanging called a pulpit fall.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Diocese of Oyo, Ibadan, Nigeria; and for the Rt. Rev. Jacob Fasipe.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Paul's Church, Maryville.

## Birthdays

June 24 Anabelle Lee Chaffin  
Todd Wilkinson  
June 25 Donna Rogers  
June 26 Sonja Chaffin Owens  
Vicki Jo Ratcliff  
Tami Walters  
June 27 Father Jerry Miller  
June 30 Eric McCroskey

## Anniversaries

June 26 James & Nikki Chaffin  
June 27 James & Janice Hancock  
June 28 Paul & Deborah Davolt  
June 29 Lance & Debbie Atkinson  
June 29 Ken & Peggy Williams  
June 30 Timothy & Karen McCroskey

## Faithful Departed

June 24 Henry Ledgerwood  
June 25 Etta Crews  
June 26 Susan Alive Cutting  
June 29 Einar Jacobson

## Prayer Requests

Trudy	Maxine
Terri	Dee
Norman	Gladys
Pricilla	Susan
Ella	Jude
Clara	Dorothy
Ruth	Lauretta
Karol	Harry
Carmon	Darryl
David	Louis
Tony	Ken
Rachel	Carolyn
Sandra	Carol
Charles	Larry
Pamela	

## Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite I</b>
<b>June 24</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite II</b> (sung)
(4 Pentecost)		
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>June 25</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(The Nativity of John the Baptist)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>June 26</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>June 27</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Cyril of Alexandria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>June 28</b>	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(St. Peter and St. Paul)	12:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> and Anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>June 29</b>		
(Irenaeus of Lyons)		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>June 30</b>		
(Feria)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite I</b>
<b>July 1</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite II</b> (sung)
(5 Pentecost)		

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.

## What is your legacy to God's church?

Shortly after God led the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage, they began to grumble and complain. Even in the midst of God's provisions, they weren't satisfied. Do we act like the Israelites? Rather than humbly acknowledging that all of our blessings come from God and praising him for sending his Son to suffer and die for our sins, we, too, show our lack of gratitude by grumbling and complaining. We need to ask God for grateful hearts so that we will appreciate all the wonderful things that God does for us. Through faith, God will grant us the desire to respond with words and deeds that bring God glory.