



their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 22:18-27**

18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

#### **Second Reading**

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sequence Hymn**      *As longs the deer for cooling streams*      **Hymnal 658**

#### **Gospel**

#### **Luke 8:26-39**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **Sermon**

The Rev. Bradford Rundlett, Rector

#### **Nicene Creed**

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

#### **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Dear people of God, let us pray.  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Great Creator, hear our prayers for your creation. Renew our awe and appreciation for the world you have made. Make us good stewards. ***Help us cherish the earth, and preserve all life.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Spirit of God, hear our prayers for humanity. Turn our wars into peace, our cruelty into compassion, greed into generosity, poverty and oppression into prosperity. ***Grant us the courage and grace to reconcile and restore the human family.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Divine Majesty, hear our prayers for this nation. Bless and direct all of our elected officials. Guide your public servants as they struggle with the challenges of these times.

***Help us work together for the good of all.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Merciful Savior, hear our prayers for the victims of human violence and natural disasters; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We commend them to your loving care and ask that you heal their infirmities, return them to your service, and change their sorrow into joy. ***Give us the knowledge, wisdom, and compassion to mend your wounded people.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Sovereign Christ, bless forever all who have died and those who are dying now. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms extended in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. ***Confirm our faith and strengthen our hope.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Spirit of life, hear our prayers for your Church throughout the world, for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Virginia, our Bishops Shannon Sherwood Johnston and David Colin Jones, and for St. Timothy's. Perfect our faith, ignite our passion to accomplish your good will, make us agents of grace. ***Help us spread faith, hope, love, and joy, throughout your world.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* God of abundance and providence, you made us, named us, love us, and bless us beyond all accounting. ***We thank you, and we praise you.***

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Gracious God, all we are and all we have is a gift from you. We offer ourselves to your service. ***Help us honor and serve you, now and always. Amen.***

#### **The Confession**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***