

Lector - Prior to the service please check the service bulletin to confirm the readings and to determine if both the Old Testament lesson and the New Testament lesson will be read. Please ask the celebrant if you have any questions concerning the reading. Thank you.

7:30 am SMC; 9:00 am Church; 11:00 am SMC; 5:30 pm SMC

August 25, 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A reading from the book of Joshua

[Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18]

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ... Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord

Sunday 7:30 am SMC

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

Sunday 9 am Church & 11:00 am SMC

The Psalm is chanted by the choir. Please step from the lectern and wait to the side by the seated priest during the psalm and then return to the lectern for the reading of the Epistle.

Sunday 5:30 pm SMC

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

*The portion of the Psalter appointed for today is taken from **Psalm 34***

Let us read aloud and together:

[Psalm 34:15-22]

**The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.**

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

**The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.**

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

**Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**

**He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

**Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**

**The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

A reading from Paul's to the Ephesians

[Ephesians 6:10-20]

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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