

**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

**June 30, 2024**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A reading from the prophet Lamentations**

*[Lamentations 3:21-33]*

**This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.**

**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 Psalm 30*

*Let us read aloud and together:*

*[Psalm 30]*

**I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up \***

**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \***

**and you restored me to health.**

**You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \***

**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

**Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \***

**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

**For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \***

**his favor for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may spend the night, \***

**but joy comes in the morning.**

**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \***

**You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**

**Then you hid your face, \***

**and I was filled with fear.**

**I cried to you, O LORD; \***

**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \***

**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

**{psalm continues on the next page}**

**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \***

**O LORD, be my helper.”**

**You have turned my wailing into dancing; \***

**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \***

**O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*[2 Corinthians 8:7-15]*

**As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”**

**The Word of the Lord**