

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024 – 5:00 PM

Faith like a mustard seed

The Gospel According to
Mark 4:26-34



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The Order of Worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Opening Acclamation	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	BCP 355
Collect for Purity		BCP 355
The Gloria	<i>Said together.</i>	BCP 356
The Collect of the Day		BCP 230
The Collect for Juneteenth		
Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, empower us with wisdom and courage to contend fearlessly against racial bias and inequity, and as with those generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage, inspire us to challenge oppression everywhere. May we use our freedom and resources to bring justice to peoples and nations everywhere; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. <i>Amen.</i>		
The Holy Gospel		<i>Mark 4:26-34</i>
Scripture Reflection	<i>Please be seated.</i>	The Rev. Russell Bohner
Prayers of the People		BCP 387
The Peace	<i>The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.</i>	BCP 360
The Offertory		
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Communion of the Faithful	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available on request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		
Announcements		
Dismissal		BCP 366

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Parish Prayers - We pray for Meta Barrow, Betty Burris, Mary Crandall, Sandy Davis, Thomas DiLeo, Mike Graves, Lindsay Gustafson, Dot Havens, Jacob Henry, Jack Horisk, Joe Howie, Adelaide Jallah, Ellen Jennings, Rachel Mandes, Donna Menzen, Ott Menzen, Ian O'Donnell, Jim and Nancy Poole, Andrew Ranonis, Stan Ricks, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Bonnie Sellner, Sandy Simpson, Bob Strosser, Fern Toner-Horisk, Alexander VanderLek, Janet Vines, Gary Whalen, Bob Willoughby, and Phylicia Wittcock.

We pray for Edward Capp, Maria Cruz, and Lori Stover-Rader who have died.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas and Miriam Arden by Bonnie and Alan Robb.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools, and for The Episcopal Church Women of Delaware.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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