

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH
THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD
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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 28

THE COLLECT:

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - 1 SAMUEL 1:4-20

Elkanah is on his annual pilgrimage to the temple at Shiloh. He enjoys the sacrificial meal with his two wives, Peninnah and Hannah, as well as with his children by Peninnah. He loves Hannah in spite of her barrenness. She can no longer take Peninnah's taunts.

A Reading from the Word of God, found in the First Book of Samuel, Chapter 1, beginning at the fourth verse.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat?"

Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

The people: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: 1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

The reading (Hannah's Prayer), is a psalm or hymn of thanksgiving and praise by Hannah to give thanks to God for the birth of her son, Samuel.

Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

"There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
 and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for
 bread,
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
 he brings low, he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
 and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
 and on them he has set the world.
“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
 for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
 the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
 he will give strength to his king,
 and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:*
and shall be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON:

HEBREWS 10:11-14 19-25

The author has told us how much greater is Christ's sacrifice of himself than the annual sacrifices of the high priest on the Day of Atonement. Now he says that what any priest offers in sacrificial ritual is little compared to Christ's once-for-all-time sacrifice on the Cross.

A Reading from the Word of God, found in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 10, beginning at the eleventh verse.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies

would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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THE GOSPEL - MARK 13:1-8

As Jesus emerges from teaching in the temple courtyard, his disciples note the enormous stone blocks yet to be incorporated into the Temple. Jesus replies that the Temple, impressive as it is, will not survive the end of the age.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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*A reading from the Word of God, written in xYx,
Chapter xYx, beginning at the xYx verse.*

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:*
and shall be forever. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

*A reading from the Word of God, written in XyX,
Chapter xYx, beginning at the xYx verse.*

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL:

*A reading from the Word of God, written in the
Gospel of xYx, Chapter xYx, starting at the xYxth
verse.*

~~**Gospeler:** *The Lord be with you*~~

~~**All:** *And also with you*~~

~~**Gospeler:** *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*~~

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The Word of the Lord

~~**The people:** *Thanks be to God.*~~

~~**This is the Gospel of Christ**~~

~~**The people:** *Praise to Christ our Lord.*~~