

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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Holy Eucharist, Rite I

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Kind Maker of the World, O Hear	(10am only)	Claude Balbastre
Opening Hymn – Kind Maker of the World, O Hear	(10am only)	Hymnal 152
A Penitential Order		BCP 319
The Decologue		BCP 317
The Confession & Absolution		BCP 320
Kyrie	(10am – S91)	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		BCP 166
The Lessons		(See Insert)
The Gospel Hymn – Take My Life and Let It Be	(10am only)	Hymnal 707
The Sermon		The Rev. Hal Weidman
The Nicene Creed		BCP 326
The Prayers of the People		BCP 328
The Peace & Announcements		BCP 332
Offertory Hymn – He Leadth Me	Benjamin Harlan (10am only)	Choir
Offertory Sentence		

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving / Eucharistic Prayer I		BCP 333
Proper Preface		BCP 346
Sanctus	(10am – S117)	BCP 334
The Lord’s Prayer		BCP 336
Fraction Anthem	(10am – S157)	BCP 337
Breaking of the Bread		BCP 337
Prayer of Humble Access		BCP 337
Distribution of Communion		BCP 338
Communion Hymns – Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	(10am only)	Hymnal 328
An Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love	(10am only)	Hymnal 337
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 339
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn – Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said	(10am only)	Hymnal 675
Dismissal		BCP 340
Postlude – Toccata in E Minor	(10am only)	Johan Pachelbel

The Lessons

First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Psalm 22:22-30 (Unison) BCP 610

Deus, Deus meus

- 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.**
- 28 **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 **My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**
- 30 **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**