

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
September 1, 2024

HYMNS

Sing praise to God	Hymnal 1982 #408
Lord make us servants	Hymnal 1982 #593
Change my heart	Renew Songbook #143
Come with us	Renew Songbook #291

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS

A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

A reading James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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THE GOSPEL

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, Bev, Carol, Charles, Chery, David, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Doris, Doug, Elsie Claire, Helen, Jake, Jan, Jerry, Joan, Joanna, Joe, Joey, John, Judith, Judy, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kirsten, Larry, Leigh, Leslie, Linda, Lulu, Lynn, Margaret, Marie, Massey, Meg, Michelle, Mike, Milton, Morgan, Ralph, Rebecca, Rita, Ron, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Kevin, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Conecuh County Jail, Evergreen, AL.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY Labor Day

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing

- 3:15 pm to 4 pm Children's Choir Practice
- 5 pm to 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP

Canned meats, canned vegetables & fruit, spaghetti noodles and snacks.

BLESSING BOX-WE ARE RUNNING VERY LOW

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. Drop off on Sunday's in the Parish Hall or in the office during the week. You are always welcomed to put food & supplies directly into the Blessing Box

Pictorial Directory available online.

There will be people to assist you after the services to access the directory online. Printed directory are available for those needing one. Contact Penny in the office to request your copy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, September 4th Choir Rehearsal begins at 5 pm

Sunday, September 8th Formation begins on Sunday mornings at 9 am

Wednesday, September 11th Wednesday Bible Study begins at 10:30 am

Thursday, September 12th Men's Breakfast Group begins at 7 am

Thursday, September 19th Women's Bible Study begins at 4 pm

Saturday, September 28th Parish Work Day

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

Ecumenical Ministries is looking for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers. One of our routes is so large we are taking a waiting list for recipients until we have more drivers. Please, this program is crucial to help ensure home bound elderly are able to have a healthy meal Monday-Friday. Volunteers can drive once per month, 2 times a month or each week. Please call Holly at 251-943-3445

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