

## Week of 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5)

**Monday, June 8**

### Psalm 64

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; \*  
protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, \*  
from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, \*  
and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from  
ambush; \*  
they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; \*  
they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, "Who will see us?  
who will find out our crimes? \*  
we have thought out a perfect plot."

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; \*  
but God will loose an arrow at them,  
and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, \*  
and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's  
deeds; \*  
they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the Lord and put  
their trust in him, \*  
and all who are true of heart will glory.

### Psalm 65

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your  
righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will  
tremble at your  
marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the  
ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its  
increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

A good name is better than precious ointment,  
and the day of death, than the day of birth.

It is better to go to the house of mourning  
than to go to the house of feasting;  
for this is the end of everyone,  
and the living will lay it to heart.

Sorrow is better than laughter,  
for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad.

The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning;  
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise  
than to hear the song of fools.

For like the crackling of thorns under a pot,  
so is the laughter of fools;  
this also is vanity.

Surely oppression makes the wise foolish,  
and a bribe corrupts the heart.

Better is the end of a thing than its beginning;  
the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit.

Do not be quick to anger,  
for anger lodges in the bosom of fools.

Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?'

For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.  
Wisdom is as good as an inheritance,  
an advantage to those who see the sun.

For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,

and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to the one who possesses it.

Consider the work of God;  
who can make straight what he has made crooked?

On the day of prosperity be joyful, and on the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well

as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

## Galatians 4:12-20

Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

## Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Tuesday, June 9**

## Psalm 68

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives  
it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish  
at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before  
God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth  
prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your  
inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision  
for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; \*  
great was the company of women who bore the  
tidings:

12 "Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*  
the women at home are dividing the spoils."

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*  
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered  
with silver,  
whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, \*  
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*  
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,  
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*  
truly, the Lord will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  
even thousands of thousands; \*  
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity  
captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*  
that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, \*  
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; \*  
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, \*  
and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their  
wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from  
Bashan; \*  
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, \*  
the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your  
enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, \*  
your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my  
King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, \*  
in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-  
drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; \*  
bless the Lord, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the  
head;  
the princes of Judah in a company; \*  
and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; \*  
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  
for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, \*  
and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; \*  
scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his  
people!  
Blessed be God!

### Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:10

There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there  
are righteous people who are treated according to  
the conduct of the wicked, and there are wicked  
people who are treated according to the conduct of  
the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. So I  
commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for  
people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and

enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their  
toil through the days of life that God gives them  
under the sun.

When I applied my mind to know wisdom, and to  
see the business that is done on earth, how one's  
eyes see sleep neither day nor night, then I saw all  
the work of God, that no one can find out what is  
happening under the sun. However much they may  
toil in seeking, they will not find it out; even though  
those who are wise claim to know, they cannot find  
it out.

All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the  
righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the  
hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not  
know. Everything that confronts them is  
vanity, since the same fate comes to all, to the  
righteous and the wicked, to the good and the  
evil, to the clean and the unclean, to those who  
sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the  
good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like  
those who shun an oath. This is an evil in all that  
happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to  
everyone. Moreover, the hearts of all are full of  
evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and  
after that they go to the dead. But whoever is joined  
with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better  
than a dead lion. The living know that they will die,  
but the dead know nothing; they have no more  
reward, and even the memory of them is lost. Their  
love and their hate and their envy have already  
perished; never again will they have any share in all  
that happens under the sun.

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your  
wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago  
approved what you do. Let your garments always be  
white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy  
life with the wife whom you love, all the days of  
your vain life that are given you under the sun,  
because that is your portion in life and in your toil  
at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your  
hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no  
work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol,  
to which you are going.

## Galatians 4:21-31

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children,

burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous

than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman.

## Matthew 15:29-39

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry,

for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

## Wednesday, June 10

### Psalm 119:73-96

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; \*  
give me understanding, that I may learn your  
commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see  
me, \*  
because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right \*  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, \*  
as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may  
live, \*  
for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong  
me with lies; \*  
but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, \*  
and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, \*  
that I may not be put to shame.

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; \*  
I have put my hope in your word.

## Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favour to the skilful; but time and chance happen to them all. For no one can anticipate the time of disaster. Like fish taken in a cruel net, and like birds caught in a snare, so mortals are snared at a time of calamity, when it suddenly falls upon them.

I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed important to me. There was a little city with few people in it. A great king came against it and besieged it, building great siege-works against it. Now there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. So I said, 'Wisdom is better than might; yet the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heeded.' The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouting of a ruler among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one bungler destroys much good.

## Galatians 5:1-15

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? Such persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough. I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise. But

82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? \*  
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; \*  
they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; \*  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, \*  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation  
to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy  
me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty. But my friends, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offence of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

## Matthew 16:1-12

The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. He answered them, 'When it is evening, you say, "It will be fair weather, for the sky is red." And in the morning, "It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening." You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.' Then he left them and went away.

When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. Jesus said to them, 'Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.' They said to one another, 'It is because we have brought no bread.' And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, 'You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!' Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

## Thursday, June 11

### St. Barnabas the Apostle

#### Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the  
heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous  
sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my  
being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of  
earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for  
their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that  
is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## Job 29:1-16

Job again took up his discourse and said:  
'O that I were as in the months of old,  
as in the days when God watched over me;  
when his lamp shone over my head,  
and by his light I walked through darkness;  
when I was in my prime,  
when the friendship of God was upon my tent;  
when the Almighty was still with me,  
when my children were around me;  
when my steps were washed with milk,  
and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!  
When I went out to the gate of the city,  
when I took my seat in the square,  
the young men saw me and withdrew,  
and the aged rose up and stood;  
the nobles refrained from talking,  
and laid their hands on their mouths;  
the voices of princes were hushed,  
and their tongues stuck to the roof of their  
mouths.  
When the ear heard, it commended me,  
and when the eye saw, it approved;  
because I delivered the poor who cried,  
and the orphan who had no helper.  
The blessing of the wretched came upon me,  
and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.  
I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;  
my justice was like a robe and a turban.  
I was eyes to the blind,  
and feet to the lame.  
I was a father to the needy,  
and I championed the cause of the stranger.

## Acts 9:26-31

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to  
join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him,  
for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But  
Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and  
described for them how on the road he had seen the  
Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in  
Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of  
Jesus. So he went in and out among them in

Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.