

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God?'

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

Laudate Dominum

there is no limit to his wisdom.
 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.
 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.
 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;
 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve mankind.
 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.
 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.
 21 Hallelujah!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN #493 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed, page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Prayers of the People, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

Confession of Sin, page 360 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Peace, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #381 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Ton-y-Botel

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

Doxology (sung)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old 100th

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 125.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Bread or Wine, you are welcome. Come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.

Post Communion Prayer, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

CLOSING HYMN #423 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

The Dismissal

*Deacon
People*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

C. S. Lang
(1891-1971)

Please see Announcements on next page...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

HUB (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*)

The HUB could use your financial support. Checks marked "HUB" may be mailed to the church office, 316 N El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202.

Visit by Bishop David Rice for Confirmation. Sunday, March 4, 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist.

Seder Supper, Friday, March 30.

Recovery International (RI) Stockton Group Meetings

RI gives people the tools to lead more peaceful and productive lives. It offers a cognitive behavioral training method (CBT) developed by the late psychiatrist Dr. Abraham A. Low. (*Mental health through will training.*) RI groups are led by trained and experienced non-professionals. The Stockton Group is led by Todd Bagley and Brother Dunstan. All are welcome to attend, free of charge. Please help spread the word! Brochures are available from Todd and Br. Dunstan. Meetings every Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM, in the office conference room.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

Have you heard? *Central Valley North Narcotics Anonymous* meetings are held in St. John's Parish Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings, 7:00-8:30. For more information, call, email, or see the website. (209) 464-9262 cvnna.webservant@gmail.com Meeting Schedule for all of Stockton: www.centralvalleynorthna.org/meetings/stockton/

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The Rev. Linda Huggard, Priest
The Rev. Steve Bentley, Deacon
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Church Message Phone: (209) 466-6916, or call the HUB when it's open. See below.

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