

## Readings Second Sunday After Pentecost 06-06-2021

### Sentence

Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Mark 3.34–35

### Collect

Almighty God,  
give us such a vision of your purpose,  
and such an assurance of your love and power,  
that we may ever hold fast the hope  
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1 Samuel 8.4-11, 8.16-20

Our first reading is taken from The first book of Samuel, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 4

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup> and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' <sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, <sup>7</sup> and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' <sup>10</sup> So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; <sup>16</sup> He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup> And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.' <sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, <sup>20</sup> so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

Here the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name: because of your  
faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made  
your name and your word supreme over all things.**

<sup>3</sup> At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
and put new strength within my soul.

<sup>4</sup> **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

<sup>5</sup> And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
that the glory of the Lord is great.

<sup>6</sup> **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
and he comprehends the proud from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of danger,  
yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand  
against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save  
me.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

## 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

Our second reading is taken from The Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, beginning at verse 13

<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Hear the word of the Lord,   **Thanks be to God.**

## **Mark 3.20-35**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 3, beginning at verse 20, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup> 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— <sup>30</sup> for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' <sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup> And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**