



# St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, March 9th

### Psalm 119:49-72

49 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.

**50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.**

51 The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from your law.

**52 I remember, Lord, your ancient laws, and I find comfort in them.**

53 Indignation grips me because of the wicked, who have forsaken your law.

**54 Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.**

55 In the night, Lord, I remember your name, that I may keep your law.

**56 This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.**

57 You are my portion, Lord; I have promised to obey your words.

**58 I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

59 I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.

**60 I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.**

61 Though the wicked bind me with ropes, I will not forget your law.

**62 At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.**

63 I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.

**64 The earth is filled with your love, Lord; teach me your decrees.**

65 Do good to your servant according to your word, Lord.

**66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.**

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

**68 You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.**

69 Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart.

**70 Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law.**

71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

**72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.**

### This is a reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 37:25-36)

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and

sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. He went back to his brothers and said, “The boy isn’t there! Where can I turn now?”

Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.”

He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.”

Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.” So his father wept for him.

Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

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

### **This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark** (*Mark 1:29-45*)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out

many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

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