



St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, August 28th

Psalm 119:1-24

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, and they are my counselors.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:1-16)

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything he sent them to Joppa. About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (John 7:1-13)

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him. Now the Jewish Festival of Booths was near. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing, for no one who wants to be widely known acts in secret. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." (For not even his brothers believed in him.) Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil. Go to the festival yourselves. I am not going to this festival, for my time has not yet fully come." After saying this, he remained in Galilee. But after his brothers had gone to the festival, then he also went, not publicly but, as it were, in secret. The Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, "Where is he?" And there was considerable complaining about him among the crowds. While some were saying, "He is a good man," others were saying, "No, he is deceiving the crowd." Yet no one would speak openly about him for fear of the Jews.

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