



St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 11th

Psalm 119:49-72

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

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of old, O Lord, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, because of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O Lord, and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, because I have kept your commandments.

57 You only are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways and turned my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you; and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The Earth, O Lord, is full of your love; instruct me in your statutes.

65 O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, for I have believed in your commandments.

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

68 You are good and you bring forth good; instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me than thousands in gold and silver.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 14:19-28)

But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith for the gentiles. And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John (John 11:1-16)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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