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Old Testament

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 460*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! Verses 1 and 3 only

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION *BCP 355*

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GLORIA *BCP 356*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever *Amen.*

next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;

there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *

to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *

there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *

who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *

but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *

when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,

Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. *Amen*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 488

Be thou my vision, Verses 1 and 2 before Gospel, Verse 3 after

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves,

and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Bathsheba and #Me Too

The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe, retired Dean of St. Peter's Cathedral

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love. We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures saying.

Kyrie eleison.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For Presiding Bishop Michael as he retires; Presiding Bishop-elect Sean; Bishop Marty: for the St. Peter's Cathedral Chapter, Wardens, and Search Committee; and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For a spirit of civility in our nation and state that we might confront one another without hatred or bitterness and work together with mutual forbearance and respect, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For women, men, and children who have endured harassment and sexual assault that they might be surrounded with support and love on their journey to healing and renewed hope, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For the good earth that God has given us and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially the aged and infirm, the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For the least, the lost, and overlooked in our society, particularly the poor, the underemployed, unemployed, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN **BCP 360**
Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE **BCP 360**
Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS **BCP 830**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY **Hymnal 680**
O God, our help in ages past

THE DOXOLOGY
Please stand, as you are able.
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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

THE SANCTUS **BCP 362**

THE CONSECRATION **BCP 362**
Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **BCP 364**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP 364**

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION HYMN **Hymnal 707**
Take my life and let it be

POST COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP 365**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN **Hymnal 525**
The Church's one foundation

THE DISMISSAL **BCP 366**
Please stand, as you are able.

POSTLUDE

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