

And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



3 Pentecost

Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING : 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

THE LORD SAID to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place..." So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Refrain

The Lord will show me the path of life.

Psalm 16

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| 1 | Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." | 7 | I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night. |
| 2 | All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people. | 8 | I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. |
| 3 | But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied. | 9 | My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope. |
| 4 | Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. | 10 | For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit. |
| 5 | O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot. | 11 | You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. |
| 6 | My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage. | | |

SECOND READING : Galatians 5:1, 13-25

FOR FREEDOM CHRIST has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

GOSPEL : Luke 9:51-62

WHEN THE DAYS drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them.