

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.**

The Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Surely it is God Who Saves Me* H 679

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-14, 21-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is,

without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Form 3

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our bishop Jennifer and all bishops, priests, and
deacons. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for
the clergy and members of St. Christopher's Carmel;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Especially remembering Ukraine, we pray for all who govern
and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Ericksen,
Everett, and Farrell families and those who serve as our
Acolytes . Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Especially remembering those on our prayer list; Patty,
Elise, Molly, Giselle, Riley, Carol, Vicki and John, Pam, Ruth,
Monique, Wade, Barb, Cathy, Victoria and Isaiah, Bob, Joe,
Kathy, Karen, Chris, Abby, Larry and Jean, Eden, Betsy,
Honey, Janet, Amanda, Elizabeth, Beth, Sawyer, Katja,
Norma and William have compassion on those who suffer
from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those expecting babies soon especially Emma
and Jeff;
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Prayers may be added by the congregation, silently or aloud

For an Election, from the Book of Common Prayer page 822

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers
and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of
this community) in the election of officials and
representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise
laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be
enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us confess sins against God and our
neighbor.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord (v, 1,2,3) H 524*

Doxology *Hymnal 380 (v. 3)*
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.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *WLP 858*
Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.

The Lord's Prayer *BCP 364*
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation

All persons are welcome to receive communion. If you wish only a blessing, please so indicate to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. A gluten free option is available for those who need it, simply let the priest know at the time you are to receive the bread.

Communion

When From Bondage We Are Summoned WLP 754

Post-communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn *We All Are One in Mission* WLP 778

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Choir: Calling all Musicians! Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 5th at 7 PM for the new program year. No auditions required! Simply come to rehearsal and give it a try. All singers aged 12 and older are welcome. Contact Bethany Paden at musicministry@hfec.org with any questions. Don't sing but play an instrument? Reach out to Bethany for participation opportunities!

Care Package Ministry: Holy Family supports college students and those deployed in the military through a Care Package Ministry. Please use tinyurl.com/HFECcares2024 to submit mailing information to participate in this year's program. Monetary donations toward the cost of gift cards and postage are appreciated - please write "Care Package Ministry" in the memo line of your check or electronic deposit.

Fishers PRIDE Festival: The first Fishers PRIDE Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th and will be hosted on Holy Family grounds. You are invited to help with donating money or items and/or volunteering for the day of the event. Some tasks can be done in advance. Visit holyfamilyfishers.org/pride to view the volunteer and donations sign up. If you have additional questions, please contact Ruth Everett at youthministry@hfec.org or Jolene Johnston at jjohnston@hfec.org.

Special Adult Forum: As part of Fishers Pride weekend, Father Bruce will lead a helpful discussion about Pride and the Episcopal Church during Adult Forum at 9 AM on Sunday, September 8th in the parish hall. The discussion will continue the following Sunday as all Christian formation programs resume for the school year. For more information about this session, please contact Father Bruce. bgray@hfec.org

Music and Meditation Returns: Music and Meditation is back for the third year! The program will kick off the year on September 8th at 7 PM. The evening will include music inspired by the book *This is What it Sounds Like* by Susan Rogers, music producer and neuroscientist. The musical selection for the evening will be "Ghosts" by Hania Rani. While listening, you are invited to practice a visualization technique from the book. Questions should be directed to program coordinator Joel Bruns via the church office. admin@hfec.org

Sunday School Registration: It's that time again! Sunday school classes for PreK-12th grade will resume on September 15th. Please follow this link to register your children and youth for childcare, Sunday school, and other activities this school year. Great news! There is a "shortcut" version that skips having to fill out your address, emergency contacts, etc. for multiple children in one household. Please complete the form fully once for the first child, then select the shortcut version for additional children. tinyurl.com/CMYG2024 Holy Family welcomes and encourages parents and other members of the congregation to assist or teach in classrooms for kids. Training and materials are provided. Please reach out to the program directors for more information.

Jolene Johnston, PreK-6th grade jjohnston@hfec.org
Ruth Everett, 7th-12th grade youthministry@hfec.org

Childcare Volunteers Needed: The children in 10 AM Childcare need a few more volunteers to supervise playtime for the first thirty minutes of the 10 AM worship service. Volunteers must have participated regularly at Holy Family for a minimum of six months and completed abuse prevention training mandated by the Diocese. High school volunteers may assist once per month when a trained adult is present. It's a fun time to get to know the kiddos of the #holyvillage so much better. Please sign up **HERE** or reach out to Childcare Coordinator Emily Becraft through the church office. admin@hfec.org

Missionaries of Charity Donations: Holy Family is collecting needed items to support women at the Missionaries of Charity shelter in Indianapolis. Items may be placed in the collection basket in the Narthex. The following items are requested: Children's books (new and gently used), women's underwear and sleepwear (all sizes, all seasons), toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap bars, and deodorant. Please direct questions to Teresa Conroy-Roth via the church office. admin@hfec.org

WORSHIP

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family has a weekly podcast that focuses on the Bible readings for each week. New podcasts will be released at: podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/holy-family-episcopal-chu each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

Prayer Group Meeting: Holy Family Prayer Group meets from 6:30 – 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next gathering is September 9th. All are welcome to come and join in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Bible Study Resumes: Holy Family's Bible Study group meets in the conference room on 9 AM each Sunday morning. The topic for this study is the Gospel of Luke. View the lesson schedule at holyfamiliesfishers.org/biblestudy/. Please direct questions to Stephen and Kristine Canter via the church office. admin@hfec.org

OUTREACH

Snacks for Fishers Elementary: "Brain Food" **UPDATED LIST!** The school year has begun, and that means that friends at Fishers Elementary will need plenty of classroom snacks to keep kids learning at their best. This year the local school district has asked that snacks provided for the classroom be chosen from a specific list in order to provide the best nutrition and to avoid some common food allergens. All items must be individually wrapped, and please avoid peanuts. Thanks so

much! Questions can be directed to the SATS team via the office. admin@hfec.org

Here is the approved list - please keep it handy when you shop: Pretzels (Rolled Gold, Pepperidge Farm, Herr's), Popcorn (Skinny Pop, Smartfood, Utz), Cheez-Its, Teddy Grahams, Veggie Straws, Pepperidge Goldfish Crackers (Plain, cheddar, pretzel), Animal Crackers (Barnum, Austin Zoo), Pirate's Booty, Nilla Wafers, Raisins and other dried fruits.

Support a Teacher & Staff Ministry: From your hands to a teacher's heart! Since Autumn 2021, the team at Support a Teacher and Staff (SATS) has been treating all teachers and staff members at Fishers Elementary by providing personal notes and small gifts each month of the school year. There is always space for new team members, new energy, and new ideas...that might mean there's a place on the team for you! Want to help but don't have time to provide gifts each month? Consider a financial donation to help the team purchase those little gifts, as well as a few larger gifts as requested by teachers and staff members. Or, consider providing bundles of \$5 Starbucks Gift-cards or individually wrapped chocolates - two favorites that are provided multiple times each year! To offer up your hands, see Cathy Gray, Susie Beard, or any SATS team member, or get in touch through the church office at admin@hfec.org. Thank you!

Food Pantry Donations: In support of the Delaware Township Food Pantry, Holy Family parishioners are invited to donate canned goods, oats, snacks, tomato sauce, jello mix, canned fruit, sugar, oil, flour, crackers, dried beans, crunchy peanut butter, beef stew, minute rice, canned pasta, and corn bread mix. For a list of items that the food pantry especially needs, visit: tinyurl.com/HFECfoodpantry. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the church lobby during Sunday worship hours.

MINISTRY GATHERINGS

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to anyone who has the skills or desire to knit or crochet. Additional hands are always needed, and teachers are available! Prayer Shawls begin with the shawl maker saying prayers for the recipient. Prayers are continued during the creation of the shawl and shawls are blessed by the priest before they are given as gifts. Meetings are held in the Narthex of Holy Family at 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be September 9th Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

Reading the World: The September book, The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese takes readers to South India and covers three generations of a family that lives with a disturbing secret. With more than 700 engaging pages, this will be a

worthy read for the heat of summer, so find a cool spot and settle in! The meeting date is Wednesday, September 18th at 3 PM. To join the lively discussions on this and other great books, talk to Fr. Bruce or any Reading the World participant. bgray@hfec.org

FELLOWSHIP

Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is on Friday, September 6th at 7 PM. Feel free to bring games you are interested in playing. Please contact Fred Naatz through the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org See you then!

Hospitality Hosts Wanted: Following the 10 AM service each week, you are invited to gather in the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship. Hospitality hosts are needed to lead this important ministry! Holy Family provides paper goods and coffee. Hospitality hosts are responsible for providing/serving snacks and cold drinks, making and serving coffee, and cleaning up. Questions about hospitality hosts may be directed to Mel Bohlander via the church office. admin@hfec.org

OTHER NEWS

Stewardship Drive Continues: Pledge packets and additional Pledge Cards are available in the lobby by the Sunday bulletins. Questions can be directed to Fr. Bruce/any Vestry member or visit holyfamilyfishers.org/generositypower. bgray@hfec.org

Holy Family Financials Through July 31st

Income \$181,730

Expenses \$202,969

Fr. Bruce Continues to be Available for Visitations: Whether there is a particular crisis, another need, or if you would simply like a one-on-one conversation with Fr. Bruce, please contact him on his cell (317-363-6412) or email (bgray@hfec.org) and he will respond ASAP. He visits people in their hospital rooms, homes, coffee houses, Holy Family, and miscellaneous other locations. One of a priest's greatest joys is getting to better know each parishioner. Father Bruce is also in the church office most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - Noon.

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of Marcus & Carol Dial's anniversary.

Thanks Be to God:

- Ben Paden, Sharon and Fred Naatz for their continued work with livestreaming Holy Family's worship services
- Those who contribute financially to support the ministry and worship offerings of Holy Family

Upcoming Events:

Game Night: September 6th 7 PM

Fishers Pride Festival at Holy Family: September 7th 1-5 PM
Pride and the Episcopal Church Adult Forum: September 8th & 15th 9 AM

Music & Meditation: September 8th 7 PM

Prayer Group: September 9th 6:30-7 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry: September 9th 7 PM

Sunday School Resumes: September 15th 9 AM

Coffee & Conversation: September 15th 11:15 AM

Book Group: September 18th 3 PM *via Zoom*

Presiding Bishop Installation Watch Party: November 2nd 11 AM

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: Rev. Bruce Gray

Homily: Rev. Bruce Gray

Music Director: Bethany Paden

Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas

Greeter: Judi Taflinger

Ushers: Larry Pickens, Lee Cahalan

Readers: Betty Bogeman, Pete Mulhall, Joel Bruns, Sharon Naatz

Prayers: David Emerson, Jim Taflinger

Acolytes: Ellie Tannas, Frankie Bohlander

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Marty Blake, Ruth Everett

LEV: Stephen Canter

Bread: Holly Forman

Almoners: Emily Becraft, Gary Snyder

Vestry Member of the Week: Gary Snyder

Altar Guild: Chris Beldin

Childcare: Brandy Grayson

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