



*Naaman is cleansed of leprosy.*

## **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 7, 2019**

**8:00 am - Welcome**

We are delighted that you are with us for worship today. If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to be contacted, please fill out the blue and white card in the pew. You may place it on the Offertory plate or give it to either of the clergy.

Every person who is baptized is invited to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion with us. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask at the altar rail. We also ask that you refrain from dipping your wafers into the wine. All people are welcome to come to the altar at the time of communion for a prayer of blessing; please cross your arms to indicate this.

**Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Donald Davidson

**Preacher:** The Rev. John Bell

**Reader:** Neil Henry Clarke

**Greeter:** Suzanne Kilpatrick

**Server:** Neil Henry Clarke

## **The Collect of the Day**

Healing God, like your prophet Elisha and the seventy disciples, make us agents of your transforming power and heralds of your reign of justice and peace, so that all may know the wholeness you bring through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Kings 5:1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my LORD were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his LORD just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He

brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup> I will magnify thee, O LORD, for thou hast set me up /  
and not made my foes to triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried unto thee / and thou hast  
healed me.

<sup>3</sup> Thou, LORD, hast brought up my soul from hell / thou  
hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his / and give  
thanks unto his holy Name.

<sup>5</sup> For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and  
in his favour is life / heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy cometh in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, in my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be  
moved' / thou, LORD, of thy goodness hadst made my hill  
so strong.

<sup>7</sup> But thou didst turn thy face from me / and I was  
troubled.

<sup>8</sup> Then cried I unto thee, O LORD / and gat me to my LORD  
right humbly;

<sup>9</sup> 'What profit is there in my blood when I go down to the  
pit?

<sup>10</sup> Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? / or shall it  
declare thy truth?

<sup>11</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me / LORD, be thou  
my helper.'

<sup>12</sup> Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy / thou hast put  
off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

<sup>13</sup> That my soul may sing of thy praise without ceasing /  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians 6:7-16**

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospeller:** The Lord be with you

**People: And with thy spirit**

**Gospeller:** The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to

tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of Christ

**People:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ

**The Sermon**

**Rev. John Bell**

**The flowers on the High Altar are given  
to the Glory of God and in celebration of his 88<sup>th</sup>  
birthday, from Carl Redmond.**

**Readings for Sunday, July 14,  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82,  
Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37**

*Our calendar of events for the coming month  
can be found at the entrances to the Cathedral.*

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