

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 15, 2018

God is Love; O come, let us worship!

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 37 part 1 | 1 Kings 21:1-23 | Acts 21:15-36

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 47:1-4:	page 389
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Reading:	1 Kings 17.8-16
Psalm 37:3-6:	page 374
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9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	360 (Hanover)
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	359 (Unser Herrsher)
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	219 (Bread of Heaven)
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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	429 (Martyrdom)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*



From the Rector

And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"

The widow of this morning's Old Testament lesson has a choice. When confronted with the bold, apparently self-serving request of the prophet Elijah, she can serve herself and her son; she can carry on with her plans and bake that small loaf of bread for herself and for her son. She can, in that way, serve her fear and despair. Or she can serve Elijah.

It sometimes seems that everything that exists, exists in finite quantities. Nothing lasts forever, as we've discovered after centuries of environmental and ecological misuse. There's an end to everything: there's only so much water and so much air; and we all know that we only have so much money to go around. And if we try to act otherwise, then eventually there will be a day of reckoning; a day when we discover that we've run out of money or time. Or water or air. Or flour or oil. Or whatever else we value or need.

And because there's only so much of anything, we're taught to plan carefully. We have to think about how we use this or that to make sure that we don't run out of it at the worst possible moment. So we set some things aside; we stock up. Sometimes, if it looks likely that they'll not be enough for everyone, sometimes we hoard. Making sure that there will at least be enough for us.

Fear makes us do crazy things. Crazy things like thinking that life is like a game; that if, in the end, I have more marbles than you do then I'll be happier.

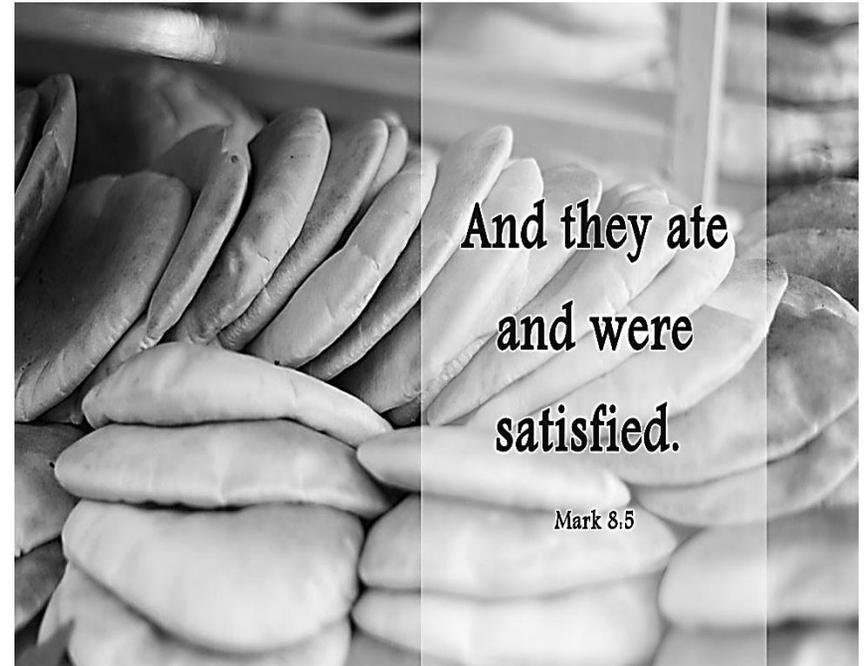
But what if life isn't meant to be a competition? What if happiness isn't found in fearfully keeping as much as we can to ourselves; in hoarding God's gifts? What if happiness is found in joyfully sharing God's blessings with each other? Generously; without grumbling; without sitting down to count out the cost.

What if happiness, like God's grace, isn't finite? What if it grows the more we pass it on? Like flour and oil for a woman and her son in Zarephath. Like bread and fish for four thousand Gentiles on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, as we are reminded in this morning's Gospel.

Maybe all those things that we're inclined to hoard will be that much better when we're willing to share it with those that we love.

Many long-time members of St. Mary's will remember fondly the late Helen (Stickels) Malloy. Although prevented from attending services in recent years by poor health, Helen was a member of St. Mary's throughout her long life, and was active for many years in leadership roles with the J.A., as well as many other aspects of Parish life. For example, in her later years, as long as she was physically able to, she generously knit dozens of mittens every year to be given to the children attending the Wednesday Hot Lunch programme. Helen died this past April, and in much the same quiet way that she lived her life, she made provision in her will to support and encourage local organisations which help the disadvantaged, including the Parish that she supported all her life. And as much as she would not wish us to draw public attention to her, the Parish Corporation wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge her thoughtfulness in remembering St. Mary's with a generous bequest. Her kindness will help us to carry on the joyful ministry which we have been given by Christ.

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To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

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