

Lessons for Pentecost 2, Proper 4

June 3, 2018

Psalm 142

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 ~ God commanded His people to observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 ~ In Christ God's light shines through us even though we are flawed and frail.

Mark 2:23-28 ~ Jesus taught that the Sabbath was made for man, not the other way around.

GATHERING THE TEXTS: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

With this Sunday the Church begins the "long, green season" that turns our attention to the teachings of our Lord. These are often called the "Sundays in ordinary time," but there is nothing ordinary about them. Rather they sketch out the character and contours of the Church's life. The color green reminds us of growth--during these Sundays we come together to be fed and nourished in the Word and at the Table of the Lord. On this particular Sunday we consider God's gift of rest, forgiveness, and grace in Christ. The treasure of the Sabbath, which is the Word and the Sacraments, is the means of grace.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE: Lord, God, holy Father, by your Spirit's power, help me fear and love you so that I do not despise preaching and your Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

OFFERING PRAYER:

CONVICTION AND COMFORT: