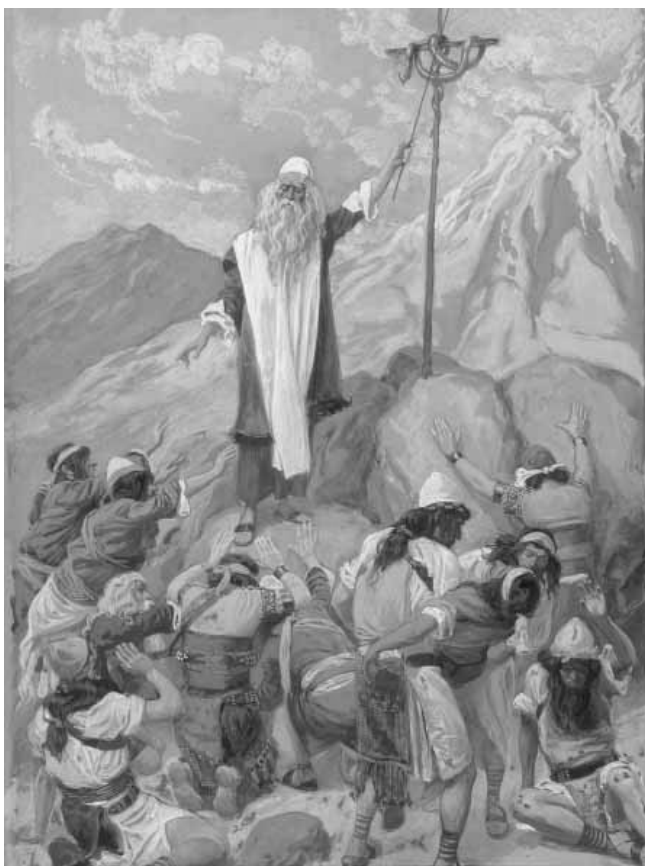


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Rogate
Sixth Sunday of Easter
13 May 2012



James Tissot (1836–1902), 'The Brazen Serpent'

**Ask, and you will receive, that your
joy may be full.**

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A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

The Offering

At this time, members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. For God loves a cheerful giver. Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church before the Service of the Sacrament.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

A note on the service:

Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.

The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the hymnal, where Psalm 1 is also page one, and the first hymn is 331, following page 330.

It helps to follow the service if you mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.

770 *Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

260 *Opening Versicles*

261 *Old Testament Canticle (spoken)*

263 **The Readings**

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptised. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Old Testament reading—Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle reading—James 1:22-27

²²Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure

and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

814 Psalms: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Gospel Reading—John 16:23–30

²³ [Jesus said,] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

263 *Responsory*

264 *Catechism*

After the reading of the parts of the Catechism in the hymnal, the following is read:

P What is Confession?

C Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P What sins should we confess?

C Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P Which are these?

C Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Sermon

766 **Hymn: Our Father, Who from Heav'n Above**

Offering

265 *Prayer*

Collect of the Day

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

266 *New Testament Canticle (Spoken)*

267 *Blessing*

794 *Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron

Family and friends of members

Lucy, Diana; Alex, Sarah & family; Frank Knibbs; Helen Kriewaldt; Johann Wiebusch; Claire; Margaret & Patrick Tustin; Brian, Jan & family; Lisa; Julie; Cynthia; Marie & family; Sally; Claire and Phil; Julie Gardner; Christine; Georgie & Nigel; Doreen & family; Rob; Gina

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Japan Lutheran Church; Pr. James May & family; Catholic Parish of Fareham and Portchester; Pr. Yousef Nadarkhani

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE LARGE CATECHISM
PART III: THE LORD'S PRAYER

We should be more encouraged and moved to pray because God has also added a promise and declared that it shall surely be done for us as we pray. He says in Psalm 50:15, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you." And Christ says in the Gospel of St. Matthew, "Ask, and it will be given to you; ... for everyone who asks receives" (7:7-8). Such promises certainly ought to encourage and kindle our hearts to pray with pleasure and delight. For He testifies with His own Word that our prayer is heartily pleasing to Him. Furthermore, it shall certainly be heard and granted, in order that we may not despise it or think lightly of it and pray based on chance.

You can raise this point with Him and say, "Here I come, dear Father, and pray, not because of my own purpose or because of my own worthiness. But I pray because of Your commandment and promise, which cannot fail or deceive me." Whoever, therefore, does not believe this promise must note again that he outrages God like a person who thoroughly dishonours Him and accuses Him of falsehood.

Besides this, we should be moved and drawn to prayer. For in addition to this commandment and promise, God expects us and He Himself arranges the words and form of prayer for us. He places them on our lips for how and what we should pray [Psalm 51:15], so that we may see how heartily He pities us in our distress [Psalm 4:1], and we may never doubt that such prayer is pleasing to Him and shall certainly be answered. ²³ This <the Lord's Prayer> is a great advantage indeed over all other prayers that we might compose ourselves. For in our own prayers the conscience would ever be in doubt and say, "I have prayed, but who knows if it pleases Him or whether I have hit upon the right proportions and form?" Therefore, there is no nobler prayer to be found upon earth than the Lord's Prayer. We pray it daily [Matthew 6:11], because it has this excellent testimony, that God loves to hear it. We ought not to surrender this for all the riches of the world.

paragraphs 19-22

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

- 16 May 12.30pm Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
17 May 7.45pm Ascension Day Divine Service
(the Parsonage)
20 May 10.30am Divine Service (The Scout
Hall)

Further ahead

- 21 May 7.30pm Christians Together in Fare-
ham Mission Supper (Com-
munity Church, West Street)
23 May 12.30pm Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
3pm Devotion at Kiln Lodge
24 May 7.45pm Bible Study (The Parsonage)
27 May 9am Divine Service (St. Francis,
Funtley). ***Please note the
time and venue!***

Even Further Ahead:

- Sat 16 June: Congregational Life Conference in
Fareham (Scout Hall)
Sun 17 June: Joint service with St. Peter's in
Weymouth

Next Week's Readings:

***Ascension Day: 2 Kings 2:5-15; Acts 1:1-11;
Mark 16:14-20***

***Exaudi Sunday: Ezekiel 36:22-28; 1 Peter 4:7-11;
John 15:26-16:4***

Daily Readings:

Sun: Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48 Luke 14:25-15:10 *Formula of Concord
Solid Declaration VIII: 88-96*

Mon: Num 8:5-26 Luke 15:11-32 *FC SD IX; X: 1-4*

Tue: Num 9:1-23 Luke 16:1-18 *FC SD X: 5-12*

Wed: Num 10:11-36 Luke 16:19-31 *FC SD X: 13-18*

Ascension Day Num 11:1-23, 31-35 Luke 17:1-19 *FC SD X: 19-
25*

Fri: Num 11:24-29; 12:1-16 Luke 17:20-37 *FC SD X: 26-31*

Sat: Num 13:1-3, 17-33 Luke 18:1-17 *FC SD XI: 1-7*