

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 24

The Collect and Psalms will be read from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer.

The Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel will be read from the Modern English Version Bible

The Collect: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Track 1 Old Testament: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,10-16

17 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle, and were gathered at Sokoh, which belongs to Judah.

4 There went out a champion from the camp of the Philistines, Goliath was his name, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail. Now the weight of the bronze coat was five thousand shekels. 6 He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7 The staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam. His iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels. And a shield-bearer was walking before him.

8 He stood and called out to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am not I the Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose for yourselves a man and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and to strike me down, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and strike him down, then you will be our servants and will serve us." 10 The Philistine said, "I defy the battle lines of Israel this day. Give me a man, and let us fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were filled with terror and were greatly afraid.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all Israel's fighting men were in the Valley of Elah fighting with the Philistines.

20 So David rose up early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper. And he carried away the food and went as Jesse had commanded him. And when he came to the encampment, the army was going out to the battle line, and they shouted a war cry. 21 And Israel and the Philistines ordered themselves in battle lines, army against army. 22 David left his things with the keeper of the equipment, and he ran to the battle line. And he went and greeted his brothers. 23 As he was speaking with them, the champion, Goliath, the Philistine from Gath, was going up from the battle line of the Philistines. And he spoke these same words and David heard them.

32 David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him. For you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

34 David said to Saul, "Your servant was a shepherd for my father's flock, and the lion came and the bear, and took a lamb out of the flock. 35 And I went out after him, and struck him, and delivered it out of his mouth. And when he arose against me, I took hold of his beard, struck him, and killed him. 36 Your servant slew both the lion and the bear. And this uncircumcised Philistine will be as one of them, because he has reviled the armies of the living God." 37 David said, "The Lord who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine."

And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

38 Saul clothed David with his armor. And he put a helmet of bronze on his head. He also clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David secured his sword to his armor and tried to walk, but he was not used to it, for he had not tested them.

And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took

them off. 40 He took his staff in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones out of the brook. And he put them in his shepherd's bag, even in a pouch. And his sling was in his hand. Then he drew near to the Philistine.

41 The Philistine came walking and drew near to David, and the man bearing the shield went before him. 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him. For he was a youth and ruddy with a handsome appearance. 43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" Then the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the field."

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a shield, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have reviled. 46 This day will the Lord deliver you into my hand. And I will strike you down and cut off your head. Then I will give the corpses of the Philistine camp this day to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the earth so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And then all this assembly will know that it is not by sword and spear that the Lord saves. For the battle belongs to the Lord, and He will give you into our hands."

48 When the Philistine arose and came near to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 David put his hand in his bag and took from there a stone. And he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead. Therefore the stone sunk into his forehead and he fell upon his face to the ground.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,10-16

57 So when David returned from slaying the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.

58 Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?"

And David answered, "I am the son of your servant, Jesse the Bethlehemite."

18 When he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, so that Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not permit him to return home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant because he loved him as his own soul. 4 So Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, even his garments, his sword, his bow, and his belt. 5 David went out wherever Saul sent him, and he was successful. So Saul set him over the men of war, and it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of the servants of Saul.

10 It came to pass the following day, that an evil spirit from God came upon Saul, so that he raved in the midst of the house. And David was playing the lyre, as at other times. Now there was a spear in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul threw the spear. For he said, "I will pin David to the wall." But David avoided him two times.

12 Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from his presence and placed him as his captain over a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. 14 David was successful in all his ways and the Lord was with him. 15 When Saul saw that he was very successful, he was afraid of him. 16 Now all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

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Track 1 Psalm: Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; *
 see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
 O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
14 So that I may tell of all your praises
 and rejoice in your salvation *
 in the gates of the city of Zion.
15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
 and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.
16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; *
 the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
 and also all the peoples that forget God.
18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
 and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
 let them be judged before you.
20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
 let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

Or

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

Track2 Old Testament: Job 38:1-11

38 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 “Who is this who darkens counsel
by words without knowledge?

3 Prepare yourself like a man;
for I will question you,
and you shall answer Me.

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Declare, if you have understanding.

5 Who has determined its measurements, if you know?
Or who has stretched the line upon it?

6 To what are its foundations fastened?
Or who laid its cornerstone

7 when the morning stars sang together,
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 “Or who shut up the sea with doors
when it broke forth and went out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and broke up for it My decreed place,
and set bars and doors,

11 and said, ‘This far you will come but no farther,
and here your proud waves will be stopped’?

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Track 2 Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

6 As workers together with God, we ask you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the accepted time; look, now is the day of salvation.

3 We give no offense in anything, that our service may not be blamed. 4 But in all things we commend ourselves as servants of God: in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distress, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, and in hunger; 6 by purity, by knowledge, by patience, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by genuine love, 7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and look, we live; as punished, but not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; and as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O Corinthians, we have spoken frankly to you; our heart is opened wide. 12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections. 13 In return (I speak as to my children) you also be open.

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Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

35 That same day, when the evening came, He said to them, "Let us go cross to the other side." 36 When they had sent the crowd away, they took Him in the boat just as He was. There were also other little boats with Him. 37 A great wind storm arose, and the waves splashed into the boat, so that it was now filling the boat. 38 He was in the stern asleep on a pillow. They woke Him and said, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 He rose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" Then the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

40 He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is that you have no faith?"

41 They feared greatly and said to one another, "What kind of Man is He, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Closing Prayer: On June 27 we celebrate the life of Cornelius Hill Priest and Chief among the Oneida. Read from A Great Cloud of Witnesses.

Born in 1834, Cornelius Hill was the first great Oneida chief to be born in Wisconsin, after

the United States government had forced the Oneida peoples west from New York State.

As a young man, Hill spent several years at Nashotah House, where the Episcopal priests educated him and formed him in the faith, worship, and tradition of the Church. Hill was greatly respected among his people for his intelligence, courage, and ability to lead, and by his teenage years, he had already been made an Oneida chief, named Onan-gwat-go, or "Big Medicine."

Hill's great mentor was the Reverend Edward A. Goodnough, a missionary and teacher who had worked among the Oneidas from 1853-1890. Hill defended Goodnough when the latter resisted land allotment among the chief families as the solution to their poverty and conflicts. Like Goodnough, Hill was a staunch opponent of allotment, and he opposed Chief Daniel Bread, his elder chief, who saw allotment as an inevitable reality. Upon Bread's death, Hill took on a great role in the tribal politics of his people. In 1874, he drafted a petition to the legislature of the State of New York calling on them to respect Oneida claims under state treaties, particularly fishing rights, which had been revoked and which led to economic hardship for Oneidas remaining in the area.

When land allotment became a legal reality under the Dawes General Act of 1893, Hill turned to the Church, and, in 1895, he was ordained an Episcopal deacon. In 1903 he became the first Oneida to be ordained a priest. At the ordination, he repeated his vows in the Oneida language.

Hill saw Christian faith as a way to help his people grapple with the profound and rapid changes which faced them, and the authority of his ordination enhanced his ability to be a bridge between Oneida and white culture. He is, to this day, revered by his people, and many shrines to him exist in the state of Wisconsin.

Let us Pray: Everliving Lord of the universe, who raised up your priest Cornelius Hill to shepherd and defend his people against attempts to scatter them in the wilderness: Help us, like him, to be dedicated to truth and honor, that we may come to that blessed state you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.