

June 23, 2024 Pentecost 4

Psalm 9:9-20

⁹The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰**And those who know your name put their trust in you,** for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

¹¹**Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.**

Declare his deeds among the peoples.

¹²**For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;**

he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

¹³**Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me;**

you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴so that I may recount all your praises,

and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your

deliverance. ¹⁵The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. ¹⁶**The Lord has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.** ¹⁷The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸**For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.**

¹⁹Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.

²⁰**Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know that they are only human.**

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and

rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.