

## **Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 2018**

**The Collect:** O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)**

### **Psalm 138 from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \* because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \* and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \* you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \* when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \* he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \* you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \* O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

**Saint for the week: On June 11 we celebrate the life of Barnabas The Apostle.**

"Joseph, a Levite, born in Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (son of encouragement), sold a field he owned, brought the money, and turned it over to the apostles." (Acts 4:36f). This is the first mention we have of Barnabas.

His new name fits what we know of his actions. When Saul (or Paul) came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him. They had known him as a persecutor and an enemy of the Church. But Barnabas was willing to give him a second chance. He looked him up, spoke with him, and brought him to see the other Christians, vouching for him. Later, Paul and Barnabas went on a missionary journey together, taking Mark with them. Part way, Mark turned back and went home. When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on another such journey, Barnabas proposed to take Mark along, and Paul was against it, saying that Mark had shown himself undependable. Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance, and so he and Mark went off on one journey, while Paul took Silas and went on another. Apparently Mark responded well to the trust given him

by the "son of encouragement," since we find that Paul later speaks of him as a valuable assistant (2 Tim 4:11; see also Col 4:10 and Phil 24).

**Let us pray:** Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**