**First Reading for Sunday 19th June 2022**

*1 Kings 19.1-4 [5-7] 8-15a*

19Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, ‘So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.’ 3Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: ‘It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.’[ 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, ‘Get up and eat.’ 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, ‘Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.’] 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 9At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ 10He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

11 He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ 14He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ 15Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Read by All**

*Psalm 42*

1  As the deer longs for the water brooks, *•*  
   so longs my soul for you, O God.  
2  My soul is a thirst for God, even for the living God; *•*  
   when shall I come before the presence of God?  
3  My tears have been my bread day and night, *•*  
   while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’  
4  Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: *•*  
   how I went with the multitude  
      and led the procession to the house of God,  
5  With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *•*  
   among those who kept holy day.  
6  Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *•*  
   and why are you so disquieted within me?  
7  O put your trust in God; *•*  
   for I will yet give him thanks,  
      who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
8  My soul is heavy within me; *•*  
   therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
      and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.  
9  Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; *•*  
   all your breakers and waves have gone over me.  
10  The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; *•*  
   through the night his song will be with me,  
      a prayer to the God of my life.  
11  I say to God my rock,  
      ‘Why have you forgotten me, *•*  
   and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?’  
12  As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; *•*  
   while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’  
13  Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *•*  
   and why are you so disquieted within me?  
14  O put your trust in God; *•*  
   for I will yet give him thanks,  
      who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**Second Reading**

*Galatians 3.23-end*

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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