

a problem, because we want to be faithful to the text. There isn't a good way to resolve the issue, so, we print it and move on,) to proclaim this fact to people of the various towns and areas, so they could receive Him as He passed by. The men went in pairs, for their protection and as a testimony. One witness is never enough, two is the minimum. They were to take nothing for the journey. They were to accept whatever hospitality they were given. Life in Christ is a simple thing, not built by fancy trappings or accoutrements faith is a simple thing. Our life of faith has the reward that it pushes Satan away. The simple life of faith in Christ caused Satan to fall from Heaven. He is no longer able to be in the presence of God to accuse us of our sin.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

⑩ O Lord of all power and grace, Your eyes are on the righteous and Your ears are open to their cry. Hear the prayer of Your people as we come to You now in thankfulness for the mercies which You pour down on us anew each day.

We thank You for Your gifts of mighty providence and the daily and manifold miracle of supplying the needs of all creatures, great and small. You open Your hand and give them what they need, in season and out of season. Make us mindful, O Lord, that You are the source of our daily bread, even as You provide us with life, breath and being.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we will produce the fruits of righteousness. May He endow us with unwavering faith, so that we are always ready to do Your will. Multiply grace, peace and all spiritual knowledge in Your church. Raise up a ministry that will seek souls for salvation, willing to forsake all selfish concerns and follow Your Son wherever He leads.

Give unity of heart and spirit to Your people, O God, and that they may inherit Your blessing and not come under Your judgment, let them manifest the Spirit of Christ in all things. Defend and preserve Your servants wherever they may be suffering for Your name's sake, and replenish them in faith, strength and courage by the grace of Your Son.

Hear, O Lord, when we cry unto You for the afflicted. Grant them help in body and soul, and save them for Your mercy's sake. And as we are but pilgrims in this world, guide and uphold us, and bring us all to our heavenly home.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

Receive now these petitions in the name of the Prince of Life, the One Who has taught us to obey, even Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

© Amen.

PROPER NINE

Chant Tone



Introit

The heavens declare the glo | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims His
| handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech;*
and night to night reveals — knowledge.

Their measuring line goes out though
all the Earth, and their words to the
end | of the world.*

In them He has set a tent | for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom
leaving his — chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its
| course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the | end of them,*
there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy — Spirit;
as it was in the be — ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. — Amen.

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(Antiphon, Psalm 19:1;
Psalm 19:2, 4-6)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Gradual

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach | the good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal — vation.

Their voice has gone out to | all the Earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

(Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alternative)

ENTRANCE PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your grace we greet another day. For Your protection during the night, we give You thanks. For giving us the health and strength to come before You in the congregation of Your redeemed, we praise Your Holy name. Send us Your Holy Spirit to teach us to bear with patience our own and others' infirmities. Keep us diligent in prayer, and open our eyes to see Your answers. May Your Almighty power be the strength for our weakness, may the leaders of our nation serve only You and may Your church be a light to the world. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

SUMMER IS A TIME OF TRAVEL AND VACATION, A TIME OF RENEWING MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. This half of the Church Year, is symbolized with the green paraments to show growth, as all of creation grows under God's nurture. The Seventy (-two) were sent out into the world, to their friends and relatives, not as an act of vacation, but as an act of renewal. The Christ was on His way to Jerusalem to die for the sins of the world. The harvest of souls for the kingdom of God was to begin, the roundup of those who would be hired for the harvest had begun. The church continually calls out those who will work in the harvest of God, those who will shout out in the corners of the world, "Peace be to this house!" When the peace is held we rejoice, when the peace is rejected we carry on.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Loved And Saved

INTROIT—(Antiphon, Psalm 19:1;) Psalm 19:2, 4-6

Psalm 19 was written by King David. It is a song about the wonder and Love of God. Historically, we used Psalm 19 on the Advent 4. It was moved and paired with the lessons we established in the last round of Reading revisions. It begins the theme of God Who Loves us enough to save us.

COLLECT

We have heard the Word through the work of others. We ask God to continue to send those He has chosen, that the people of God may worship Him in true peace separated from harm and danger.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 66:10-14

This is the last chapter of the book of Isaiah. After all the bad news he was allowed to begin with a statement of rejoicing, Jerusalem was not dead. He had been announcing the death of the kingdom throughout his book, but it had not yet come to pass. Her inhabitants had been carted off into a long captivity in Babylon, but there was life, there was still security that in God all things would work together for good. God is in control. He is sovereign. We are able to read Isaiah's writings and understand that life is only true when it is lived in God. He extends His most gracious Love and keeps us safe from His anger, the anger He is saving for those who oppose His Word.

GRADUAL—Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b alternative

This Gradual was created for our 2006 revision. Paul expressively quoted Isaiah, then we finish by paraphrasing Isaiah. The Word of God is going to the ends of the Earth, prompted on by the Church of God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON—Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Through Baptism we are tied to Christ. When He died, we died. We have been crucified to the world and we have been raised to life fulfilled in the life and person of Jesus. We are completely dead to sin. God cannot be mocked. If we follow the way of sin we prove to whom we belong and our Baptism becomes as nothing. (We are alive to the world, but dead to Christ.) When we present ourselves to God we can only show a life of sin, therefore the only good is what Christ has done for us. We can only boast about how the Cross of Jesus has given us life. If then we do good to all people, it is because we are following the rule that brings peace and mercy, the rein and rule of God who gives us life.

THE GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 10:1-20

Jesus was on His way to the Cross. He sent the (some of the Ancient Greek manuscripts say that Jesus sent out 70 and some say 72. It creates