

July 17, 2022

A reading from Genesis

All Services

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 52

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

L: ¹Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long

C: ²you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.

L: ³You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth.

C: ⁴You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

L: ⁵But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.

C: ⁶The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,

L: ⁷“See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!”

C: ⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

L: ⁹I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.