



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOTE: The 8:00 service will have just one reading and the Psalm read each week. The Psalm is read responsively with the congregation, the Reader beginning with the first verse. PLEASE READ THE LESSONS FROM THE LECTERN.

THE LESSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

Reader says: **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

Pause, then read the Psalm.

Reader says: Psalm 121 will be read responsively by whole verse.

Reader I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

People My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Reader He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

People Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

Reader The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

People So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Reader The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

People The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.