



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, MARCH 1

8:00 AM

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader says: **A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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.