

# 1 Kings 19. 5-16, 19-end

<sup>b</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' "He 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>At 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?' <sup>10</sup>He 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; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When 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?' <sup>14</sup>He 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.'  $^{\rm 15}{\rm Then}$  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. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 19 So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

### Luke 9. 51-end

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.  $^{52}\!\mathrm{And}$  he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set to-wards Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. 57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' <sup>59</sup>To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' <sup>61</sup>Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say fare-well to those at my home.' <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

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# Psalm 16

- Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord;
- I have no good apart from you.
- As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

- their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

- I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
- in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

- Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
- For you do not give me up to Sheol,
- or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

# Galatians 5. 1, 13-25

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<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,

envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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Lifting of Coronavirus restrictions During the coronavirus pandemic, we have followed the advice to suspend the sharing of the common cup at Holy Communion. Following updated advice from the Church of England, those who wish may now receive wine at Holy Communion. However, it is still permissible to receive the bread only if you prefer or if you have reason to minimise the risk of contagion. Dipping the bread in the wine (intinction) is not encouraged.