

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2017

9:30AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

The Peace May be Exchanged

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THE ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE # 410 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection is kept.

THE PSALM

Psalm 67

The psalm is read whole-verse by whole-verse, beginning with the lectern side, then the pulpit side.

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Iask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection is kept.

Children process to Children's Chapel during the Sequence Hymn.

The people stand, as able, and face the Gospel Book as it is processed into their midst.

SEQUENCE HYMN # 371 "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

MOSCOW

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and

knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Very Rev. C. Christian Pierce

All stand, as able, for the Affirmation of Faith.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people kneel or stand for the Prayers.

Reader The Canaanite woman pressed upon Jesus her needs and was heard. With expectant faith, let us place before God earnest petitions for ourselves and our world.

For our world, in need of healing, in search of a savior, yet far from Jesus, let us call out to the Lord. **Lord, have pity on us.**

For the churches and their leaders, at times narrowed by institutional concerns and blind to differing manifestations of faith, let us call out to the Lord. **Lord, have pity on us.**

For those who are troubled by demons of mind and body, for those who must watch others suffer, let us call out to the Lord. **Lord, have pity on us.**

For those whose faith is impelling them beyond the limits of society and the constraints of culture, let us call out to the Lord. **Lord, have pity on us.**

For all of us here present, for those whose faith is known to God alone, and for those intentions we hold deep in our hearts, let us call out to the Lord. **Lord, have pity on us.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Presider Infinite God, we have no claim to your mercy; yet it is your mercy we so desperately need. Turn your ear toward our supplications, and grant us your healing touch. We ask this with faith in the name of Jesus, who is savior of the world and one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

Voluntary *Vêpres de la Vierge: Magnificat (Op.18, no. 10)* Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn # 380 (St. 3) "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – PRAYER A

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

THE SANCTUS – S 125

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover – S 155

The Invitation

THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.
Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.
You are invited to the Chapel to receive healing or other prayers for yourself or others.*

Hymn # 470

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

BEECHER

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

HYMN # 529

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

MCKEE

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Gigue Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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