



The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 20, 2017

8:30 and 10:30am — The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

Hymns are from the Hymnal 1982.

Prelude *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir, P. 183*

Johann Pachelbel

The Word of God

Hymn 380 *From all that dwell below the skies*

Old 100

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God (Gloria)

Archer
See pew card

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 First Lesson

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

We will read responsively by whole verse by side of the church; those on the side of the Narthex begin, and those on the side of the Angel triptych respond.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

I ask, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 706 *In your mercy, Lord, you called me*

Halton Holgate

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15:21-28).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Allen

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.

Prayers of the People

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, saying: Lord, have mercy upon us.

We pray for leaders of all nations, for those in the Armed Forces, for police officers and firefighters, for those who serve in local government, and all who work for the common good, especially Sean, David, Mark, Rick, Elizabeth, and Marcus. 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 mercy upon us.**

We pray for the prophets in our community who lead us through their prayers and witness to respect the dignity of all. 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 mercy upon us.**

In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester; the Anglican church of Rochester; St. Thomas', Sanford; Trinity Church, Scotland Neck; and St. Mary Magdalene, Seven Lakes. 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 mercy upon us.**

We pray for those who are suffering or ill in our community, especially Tom, Carol, Susanna, Gene, Doris, Al, Jane, Jack, Maxine, Karen, David, Marion, Bill, Don, Ernstein, and Ron. 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 mercy upon us.**

We pray for all expecting a child in their lives, especially Jenny and Randy, Licia and Jonathan, and Michelle and Roy, let us call out to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We pray for our friends, family, and neighbors, especially Jackson, Bobbie, Mary, George, Sue, Vivian, and Brian. We remember Bob, Charlotte, Terri, Matthew, Meghan, Jason, Eric, Allyson, Cristi, and Hoke. We pray for Greg, Kim, Joel, John, Sunny, Tony, Matt, Wayne, Judy, Don, Elissa, Paul, and Sharon. Send healing to Sarah, Janet, Crystal, Kirk, Casey, Carole, Robert, Michael, Pearl, Joanne, and Rob. We pray for Shirley, Lemuel, Kean, Ronald, Jim, Alice, Lloyd, Jamie, Stacey, Meg, and Ray. 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 mercy upon us.**

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name now. Let us call out to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory *Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)*
Robin Rhaney, soprano

Mozart

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;
Laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Archer
See pew card

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 the Bread

At 8:30am: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

At 10:30am: *Agnus Dei*

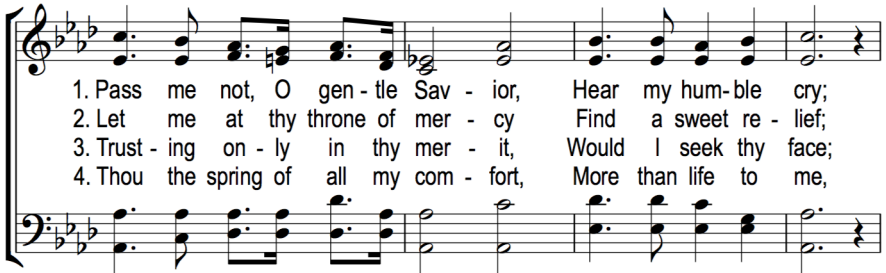
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The Communion


Hymn 51 *We the Lord's people*

Decatur Place


Hymn *Pass me not, O gentle Savior*



1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, Would I seek thy face;
4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,



1. While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
2. Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
3. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spi - rit, Save me by thy grace.
4. Whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;



While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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**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.**

Processional Hymn 530 *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*
Gottsei Dank

Dismissal
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *IV. Toccata from 10 Pièces pour Orgue* Eugène Gigout

We welcome Dave Rivers, our organist this morning.

*The flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for their family and in celebration
of their anniversary by Bob and Pat McQueen.*

Reflection Questions

1. Today's Gospel is one of two instances where Jesus heals from a distance (see Matt. 8.5). He says he was sent "only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." He heals Gentiles from a distance.

2. Yeshua says...

If, however you travel through a region and they welcome you, eat whatever is put in front of you, and heal their sick. For it is not what goes into your mouth which contaminates you, but what comes out of it.

"The Gospel of Thomas, Logion 14," Lynn Bauman trans.

It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles, but what come out of it.

Matthew 15:11

3. Therefore, there is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace and my happiness depend: to discover myself in discovering God. If I find Him I will find myself and if I find my true self I will find Him."

Thomas Merton. *New Seeds of Contemplation*, p.35

Pass me not O gentle Savior

Text by Fanny Crosby

Known as "America's Hymn Queen," Fanny Crosby, who was diagnosed blind at the age of six weeks, began writing poems at the age of six. She was a graduate of the New York Institute for the Blind and later taught at the school. She is best remembered for the nearly 9,000 hymns she wrote, but amazingly enough, she did not begin her hymn-writing until she was in her forties. Publisher and hymn writer William B. Bradbury was unhappy with the quality of many of the hymns that were submitted to him for publication. He heard of Fanny's talent, and after verifying her ability, promptly hired her to write hymns for his company, telling her, "While I have a publishing house, you will always have work!"

Fanny knew she needed God's help in this new endeavor, and once described her hymn writing process this way: "It may seem a little old-fashioned, always to begin one's work with prayer, but I never undertake a hymn without first asking the good Lord to be my inspiration." And God provided inspiration from all areas of Fanny's life. While passing by a prisoner, she heard the man cry, "O Lord, don't pass me by," which quickly became the hymn *Pass me not, O gentle Savior*. When her friend Howard Doan played a melody for her and said, "See if it says anything to you," her joyful reply was, "Why, that says, *Safe in the arms of Jesus!*" Within a half an hour, she had finished the poem. Her most famous hymn, *Blessed Assurance*, is a personal testimony of her salvation.

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Flowers..... Robin Rhaney
Linens..... Carrie Mash

8:30

Greeter Gail Jens
Lectors..... Diane Rietman, Gail Till
LEM Diane Rietman
Usher..... Ken Tessier

10:30

Crucifer..... Jaden Troester
Banner Bearer..... Chase Dutton
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Greeter Sandy Entrup
Lectors..... Steve Wooden, David Brown
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