



**Morning Prayer, Rite II**  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 16, 2020

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**Prelude:** Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Opening Sentence**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

**Confession of Sin**

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 Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:  
**Come let us adore him.**

## **Venite**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
And a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
And the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
And his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

**Come let us adore him.**

## **Psalm 133**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **The First Lesson**

### **Genesis 45:1-15**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Here ends the Reading.

### **Canticle 13 - A Song of Praise**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

### **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.

Here ends the Reading.

**Canticle 20 - Glory to God**

Robert Powell

Michael Warrillow, cantor

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.

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

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.

Here ends the reading.

**Sermon**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*     Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Suffrages (A)

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord; Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God\***

God of all power and love,  
we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:  
a people who pray, worship, learn,  
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather,  
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*\*From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God." This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.*

### **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us into safety to the new day: Preserve us with your might power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Offertory:** Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

Michael Warrillow, cantor

### **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, especially Michael, Sam, and Anne; for this gathering; for all ministers and people; and in the Anglican and Dicosean cycles of prayer, the Scottish Episcopal Church; St. Thomas', Sanford; Trinity Church, Scotland Neck; and St. Mary Magdalene, Seven Lakes. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, for the leaders of all nations, and for the safety and well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the sick in our community, especially Bill, Carol, Charlotte, Don, Don, Emily, Frank, Jack, Jenny, Karen, Marion, Mary, Mary, Maxine, Michael, Richard, Richard, Ron, Tim, and those we name now. Pray for healing and relief.

I ask your prayers for our friends, family, and neighbors, especially Ali, Anna, AnneMarie, Anna Rose, Audrey, Beth, Bettie, Bill, Carlie, Casey, Cathy, Charlie, Claudette, Dan, Dan, Dave, Diane, Dick, and Don. We lift up Eddie, Emma, Fay, Gary, Gemma, George, Harry, Helen, Henry, Jake, James, Janice, Jason, Jason, Jaylen, Jeanette, Jennifer, Joe, JR, Julia, Justin, Karen, and Kathleen. We ask for healing for Kathryn, Keith, Kelli, Kelvin, Kenny, Kevin, Licia, Lori, Mark, Mary, Matt, Megan, Michael, Michelle, Mimi, Nancy, and Patricia. We pray for Patricia, Rodney, Roseanne, Roy, Roy, Sally, Sandy, Sara, Sean, Shannon, Shirley, Sonja, Spencer, Stephanie, Stephani, Steve, Tom, Vivian, Von, William, and those we name now. Pray for comfort from affliction.

I ask your prayers for all expecting a child, especially Robert and Brianna, and those we name now. Pray for new life.

I ask your prayers for all healthcare workers, especially those in the Nativity community. Pray for our healers.

I ask your prayer for all who have died from COVID-19. I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially Evelyn Grossman, Jo Kendall, Alfred "Chip" Thullbery, and those we name now. Pray for the dead.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant*        Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all  
evermore. **Amen.**

**Postlude:** O That I had a Thousand Voices!

Michael Burkhardt

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### **Discussion Questions**

*(Questions courtesy of [workingpreacher.org](http://workingpreacher.org))*

1. What do you imagine Joseph's brothers were thinking as he revealed his identity to them? (Gen 45:1-15)
2. How is the presence of plentiful oil, like that of an ordination, a symbol of spiritual unity? (Psa 133)
3. What does it mean for God to imprison us in disobedience? How do we find freedom? (Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32)



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