

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Prayer

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MORNING PRAYER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

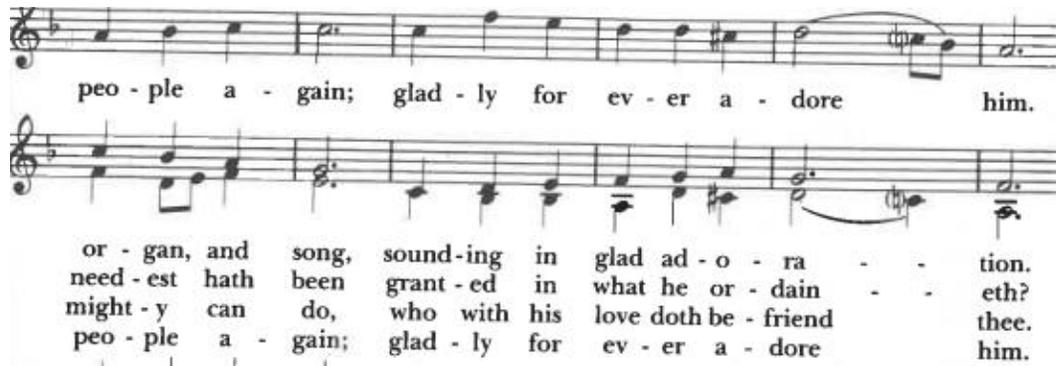
OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

OPENING HYMN 390

“Praise to God”

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all tho
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together

**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 presider says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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 earth is the Lord's, for God 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 hearken to his voice!

PSALM: Psalm 67

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

At the end of the Psalm is said

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

FIRST READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 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 may follow

SQUENCE HYMN

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
near, when my life is al - most gone; _____
near, and the day is past and gone; _____

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
— hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
— at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____

SECOND READING: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

A Reading from Matthew.

Then he 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Eric Elley, Deacon

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"I love your children" by Sue Matsui, sung by Maki Matsui

NICENE CREED

**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.**

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk in love and Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

"Allegro Maestoso" from the Scottish Symphony by Felix Mendelssohn, played by members of the St. Mark's Brass Quartet: Alan Druckenmiller, tuba; Ryan Schneider, trombone; Sue Matsui, organ.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

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

COLLECTS 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 forever. *Amen.*

Restorer of Our Souls, you have seen the parched places in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others. We pray you to rekindle in us your Spirit, so that we can extend support to those in need, speak up for those cast aside, build bridges of reconciliation and strengthen bonds of community, knowing that the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives will be us. *Amen.*

Loving God, your desire is for our wholeness and well-being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of the world. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We also hold in our hearts, lives restored and renewed. We pray that love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence for you are the God who does not abandon.

God of all power and love, we give you thanks for your unfailing presence, and hope you provide us in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to rekindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's presence in the world. A people who pray, worship, share light, heal one another, seek justice, and grow in the Spirit. Whenever and however we gather unit us in common prayer and send us out in common mission. So, whatever we do the whole creation may be renewed, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Prayers are led by the intercessor and followed by this response)

Intercessor: God of love and mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessions are welcome at this time

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our very best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for you son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*

BLESSING †

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East Nor West”



1. In Christ there is no East or West, In
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their
3. Join hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In

1. Him no South or North; But one great fel - low -
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
4. Him meet South and North; All Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Ricercare del 12 tono" by Andrea Gabrieli, played by members of the St. Mark's Brass Quartet:
Alan Druckenmiller, tuba; Ryan Schneider, trombone; Sue Matsui, organ.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

- ***Homebound:*** Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran
- ***Healing:*** Oralia, Doreen, Milt, Dale, Alaina, Matthew, Russ, Gail, Joseph, Jose, David, Phyllis, Joyce, Ann, Andy, Wendy, Jaime, Kim, Jean, Maggie, Mark, Elizabeth, Sandy, Carol, June, Millie, Rick, Jeff, Liz, Dick, Dusti, Justin, Jim, Georgia, Fran, Chris & Family, Ashling, Dan, Holly, Jack, Sue, Gail, Mary, Tara, The Tarby's, Liz, Jean, Keith, Colleen, Jeff, Samantha, Holyoke and Chelsea Soldiers Homes, Gus, Irene, Dolly, Lisa, Millie, Caroline, Carol, Felicia Gelinis, Donna Marie Haraty, Buzz Gagne, Alicia Gagne, Linda Anderson, Barbara, David, Cher Bean
- ***Those celebrating a birthday August 1 – August 30:*** Anna Mae Thornton, Sandra Moore, Connie Bettis, Zoey Lape, Karen Russell, Brooklyn Goodreau, Bailey Gawron, Raymond Antaya, Don Edwards, Jane Tuohey, Richard Bedard, Rena Tarnowski, Jessica Decker, Bob Shaw, Tammy Najeebi, Cyndi Steinbock, Christine Joenk,