

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16th, 2020



In Our Separation *God draws near*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*You are invited to bring a bowl of water into your sacred space
as we remember our Baptismal unity.*



Announcements

Gathering Music

Come and Set Us Free

Greeting

As we gather from our separate locations, let us join together in worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

As a remembrance of your baptism into the community of God's people of all times and all places, dip your finger into your bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

Confession & Forgiveness

Trusting in the promise of God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we have seen the injustice in our world more clearly. The marginalized and invisible among us have been brought to our attention in vivid and shocking ways.

We confess our part in the suffering of the world. For not always loving our neighbors as you have commanded us. For not always having empathy for the suffering of others. For not always sharing our wealth with those who have little.

We ask that you draw near to us in our time of uncertainty. Forgive us our failure to live as your witness in the world. Forgive us our failure to love and support those in need. Forgive us our failure to care for your world.

Through the abundance of God's grace, you are forgiven of all your sin. Through the example of Jesus, you are given a model of love. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are revitalized to serve. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Red ELW 858

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed.
⁶And 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—
⁷these 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.
⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
**²Let your way 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 on earth.**
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
**⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Gospel Acclamation

Come and Fill Our Hearts Red ELW 528

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then 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. O Christ.**

Message

Baptismal Celebration

✠ *Junia Mae Steitz* ✠

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Sung before prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing & Sending

In our separation, may the God who draws near bless you with:
Peace for trembling hearts,
Strength for weary souls,
And Love for all life.

The God who draws near calls us together to follow.
Siblings in Christ, follow God who draws us near to love and care for the poor.
Together with God and one another, we will follow.

Sending Song

Rise Up, O Saints of God

**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

Refrain

**Rise up! The Lord is calling
Rise up! This is the day
Rise up! And seize the moment
Rise up! O friend of faith.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.** *Refrain*

**Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.** *Refrain*

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
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- Readers: Debbie Jacobson, Lisa Grimm
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