

**Welcome and Blessings!** We offer you thanks for celebrating this time together and give praise to our gracious God for your presence.

**Introduction to the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

**Prelude**

**Gathering**

**\* Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

P Reconciling God...

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LBW 543**

- 1 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!
- 2 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?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 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!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**\*Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

(See Celebrate)

Let us pray. ...

**C Amen**

**Word**

**Lector:** A reading from Isaiah.

**First Reading**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (See Celebrate)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 67 (See Celebrate)

Lector: A Reading from Romans.

**Second Reading**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (See Celebrate)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*Gospel**

Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28 (See Celebrate)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Spoken*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Spoken*

**Sermon**

**Puppies and bread.**

**\* Hymn of the Day**

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

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**1** In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**2** In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

**3** Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the loving God  
are surely kin to me.

**4** In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

**\* Apostle Creed**

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** 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

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

(See Celebrate)

**\*Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

(Please use social distancing, but you may offer “peace be with you in American sign language.)

**\* Sending Hymn**

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing LBW 559**

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| <p><b>1</b> Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing<br/>my great Redeemer’s praise,<br/>the glories of my God and King,<br/>the triumphs of his grace!</p> <p><b>3</b> The name of Jesus charms our fears<br/>and bids our sorrows cease,<br/>sings music in the sinner’s ears,<br/>brings life and health and peace.</p> | <p><b>2</b> My gracious Master and my God,<br/>assist me to proclaim,<br/>to spread through all the earth abroad<br/>the honors of your name.</p> <p><b>4</b> He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;<br/>he sets the pris’ner free.<br/>His blood can make the foulest clean;<br/>his blood avails for me.</p> |
| <p><b>5</b> To God all glory, praise, and love<br/>be now and ever giv’n<br/>by saints below and saints above,<br/>the church in earth and heav’n.</p>   |  |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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**

**Sending**

**\*Blessing**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father † and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\*Announcements and sharing time**

**\*Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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