

Church of the Divine Love

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 8

JUNE 30, 2024 9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Please observe silence

Prayer before worship – on insert

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn #

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Gloria (sung)

Collect of the Day - lectionary sheet insert

First Lesson: **Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

Psalm 30

Second Lesson: **2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

Gradual Hymn #

Gospel: **Mark 5:21-43**

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Communion Hymn #

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Dismissal Hymn –

Dismissal

Sermon Sunday June 30, 2024

Lamentations 3:21-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Do you ever feel like the bucket of your life has a hole in it? That it leaks faster than you can fill it? No matter what you do, how hard you work, where you go, what you try, you just can't fill it up. Work, play, friends, and family all leave you feeling empty, restless, and searching. You can't seem to get enough. The outflow is greater than the inflow. You are left drained of life: tired and weak, frustrated and hopeless, angry and resentful, sorrowful and grieving, fearful that you will never have the life you want. If you know what that is like, perhaps you know the hemorrhaging woman in today's gospel.

We don't know her name. We don't know where she came from. She could be any one of us. She's anonymous; another face in the crowd. What we do know is that she is sick, desperate, and in need. She has been suffering from hemorrhages for 12 years. That's 4,380 days. In all that time no one has been able to help her. She's spent all she had: time, money, energy. She's only gotten worse. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year it's always the same. She's a walking fountain of blood. The woman's condition is more than physical. She's losing more than blood. She's losing her life, its warmth, vitality, and fruitfulness. That is a spiritual matter. Life and death always are. At one level this is a story of an individual woman. At another level it is the human story. Her story is our story. It is as much about men as it is woman. Drained of life, we go through the motions. We're alive but not really living. We feel disconnected, isolated, and alone.

Often, we convince ourselves that once this or that happens everything will be better. As soon as he changes, as soon as she does what I want, as soon as the economy gets better, as soon as I get a new job, as soon as I have enough money, as soon as I have more time, as soon as I get through this project, as soon as We all have our as soon as. I suspect the suffering women spent many of the last 4,380 days thinking, as soon as.... Today, however, is different. Something in her has changed, shifted. She has heard about Jesus. Maybe she heard about his teaching, about him casting out demons, about him healing the sick, or about him calming the storm on the sea. We don't know what she heard about Jesus but it was enough to make her believe she is more than a suffering woman. She would no longer wait on others to fix her life. She refused to be identified with the circumstances of her life. Today she would reach beyond those circumstances and literally take matters into her own hand.

Deep within she knows, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." No matter how much we suffer, the truth of those words flows through our veins. She knows that Jesus offers a life that is unleakable, a life that can never be drained from her. She touched his cloak. In that moment she was transfused with and by the power of God. It was enough to touch. The connection was made and a relationship established. Life no longer leaked out of her but flowed into her.

The hemorrhage stopped but the healing continued. "Who touched my clothes?" Jesus asked. He was calling her out. He would not allow her to remain a nameless face in the crowd. He would not allow her to drift off into anonymity. He named her, "Daughter," and sent her on the path of peace. She would no longer be the suffering from hemorrhages. She is now a daughter. She has an identity, a place, and a relationship. She has been healed and made whole. She is now fully alive and free to go in peace. That is the unleakable life Jesus offers each of us. We no longer have to live drained of life. We too can know ourselves to be called, "Son" or "Daughter." We too can walk the path of peace fully alive. If we but touch his clothes we too will be healed. Every moment holds before us the opportunity to touch. That means we must reach beyond the circumstances of our lives. We can no longer live as soon as lives. It means we must take matters into our own hands. I'm not suggesting that we are in control but that we have a choice and a responsibility. Our faith must be active and tangible. How do we do that? We begin by looking at the clothes Jesus wears.

So, what is needed for us to experience this reversal? What is asked of us so that we can enjoy cleansing and life? What did the woman with the flow of blood need? She only needed faith in the power of Jesus. What did Jairus need? He only needed faith in the power of Jesus. In fact, this is exactly what Jesus tells the woman. Look again at verse 34: "Your faith has made you well." Look at what Jesus tells Jairus in verse 36: "Only believe." If you will believe you can be made well. If you will only have faith, you can be healed. If you will believe, life will be given to the dead. What we see in this passage is what was only needed was faith. Jesus does not determine how righteous these two people are. He does not measure out how good they are or if they are deserving of his time or his healing. Jesus' challenge to all to simply have great faith in who he is. Have faith that by just touching his clothes you can be healed and have faith that it is never too late for Jesus to heal, even if it means raising a person from the dead. We are reading about simple, great faith from this woman and from this synagogue ruler.

Faith excels when we realize that we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. To express this idea with greater precision, faith becomes what it needs to be when we recognize that there is nothing, we can do to save ourselves. Only then will we express our full dependence on God's saving power. We see this in the woman and the synagogue ruler. They are both out of options and they understand this. We need to hit this desperation regarding sin and our condition. We are unclean and lost. We are hopeless and helpless and there is nothing that we can do to save ourselves. We need to see that we have nothing to lose and everything to gain like the woman and like Jairus. Neither of these people worried about the opinions of others but came in faith to Jesus. When our desperation increases, then our faith can step up. This is the important gateway to faith. This is why Jesus says that the blessed are those who are poor in spirit and the blessed are those who mourn for their sins. Faith is born when we see that there is nothing that we can do for ourselves. Faith is born when our desperation concerning our condition before God is recognized and fully grasped. If we are not desperate because of our sins, then we are not going to have the faith that Jesus is calling for.

Sometime he drapes himself in silence, solitude, and prayer. Sometimes it's mercy and forgiveness. Sometimes it's thanksgiving and gratitude. Other times it's compassion and generosity. Always it is self-giving love. The very attributes and characteristics of his life are the clothes he wears and the clothes we are to touch. Wherever you are living drained of life, touch the clothes of Christ. Connect to them in your own life. Let them transfuse you with his life, his love, and his power. Touch and be healed. Touch and be named. Touch and go in peace. **Amen.**

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9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

(also on zoom)

COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

MONDAY 8:30 PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM AL-ANON MEETING

THURSDAY 10AM-2PM THRIFT SHOP
8:30 PM AA MEETING

SAURDAY 10AM-2PM THRIFT SHOP

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 9

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II (also on zoom)
COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Giordano	Jess Berbeck
Coffee	Dana Kenn	Jess Berbeck

SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY – DROP-OFF IN THE KITCHEN

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Loving God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we remember before you:

Manetta Family	Betty Curley	Jess
Bob Curley	Steve Curley	Art
Chris Dickson	Kate Jones	Deb P.
John Mulligan	John Rocco	Judy
Warren	Donna A.	Kristen
Christopher	Bernie Walther	Celeste
Jerry & Family	Phil Ryder	Henry
Anthony Paribello	Barbara Curran	Del
Robert Hosey	Beverly Noel	Aidan
Sally & Roger	Sophia	Ciara
Mary & Family	Ann Turco	Jan
Grace Schinella	Gladys Hadija	Vincent
Michael & Family	Matthew Treasure	Mo
Michelle & Baby	Marjorie Guerrier.	Joseph
Nathan Treadwell	Alexandra Goldman	Evelyn

All people and countries suffering from violence, hatred and natural disaster.
 Help us speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them.
 Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen.

To add or make changes to prayer list during the week, email
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Prayer before Worship

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart, and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn to be sung during the consecration:

Father I adore you,

Lay my life before you,

How I love you.

Repeat twice with second verse starting with Jesus and third verse starting with Spirit.

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions and glory, now and for ever. Amen

