



*Woman great  
Is thy faith*

**Matthew 15, 28**

**Sunday August 16, 2020**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Reconciling God,

**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; renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen.**

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

**Children's Moment**

## First Reading: Isaiah 56.1,6-8

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And 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— <sup>7</sup> these 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. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

## Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah)

<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Selah)

**<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**<sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

## Gospel: Matthew 15. [10-20] 21-28

[<sup>10</sup> Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup> He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> 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." <sup>23</sup> 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." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the

house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Message

**Song: "Healer of Our Every Ill" 612 Healer of Our Every Ill 889 &refrain**

1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Ref.*

2. In the pain and joy beholding  
How your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Ref.*

3. Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Ref.*

4. You who know each thought & feeling  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Ref.*

### *Refrain:*

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow

## 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 into hell.**

**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 Peace Announcements

### Prayers of Intercession

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

*A brief silence*

Lord you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject.

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

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry.

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

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing (*especially*).

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

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name.

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

Your eternal promises are more that we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints (*especially*), join us also with them on the great day of your salvation.

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

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

### Blessing:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, +Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Hymn: "All Are Welcome" Text & Music Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions. *Ref.*

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2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. *Ref.*

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us. *Ref.*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger. *Ref.*

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. *Ref.*

**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Thanks for joining us!

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