

# The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Morning Prayer

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## Prelude

### Opening Sentence

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 19*

**Officiant** God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

### Confession of Sin

*Enriching Our Worship, pp. 19-20*

**Officiant** Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**All** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

### The Invitatory and Psalter

**Officiant** O God, make speed to save us.

**People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 21*

*The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

**Officiant** Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

For you are a great God; \*

**you are great above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

**and your hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

**Officiant** Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.

## Psalm 133

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    **that runs down upon the beard,**  
Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
    **and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**  
It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
    **that falls upon the hills of Zion.**  
For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
    **life for evermore.**

**All**           **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

**Lector**       Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Lector**       Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All**           **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response: A Song of God’s Love (1 John 4:7-11)

*Enriching Our Worship*, pp. 37-38

*Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Beloved, let us love one another, \*

**for love is of God.**

Whoever does not love does not know God, \*

**for God is Love.**

In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*

**that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*

**and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*

**we ought also to love one another.**

For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*

**and God's love will be perfected in us.**

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The Gospel**

**Matthew 15:10-28**

**Preacher** Jesus 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.

**Preacher** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### **The Homily**

**The Rev. Laurie Rofinot**

*A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 96*

*Please stand, as able and comfortable.*

**All** 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, 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 Prayers

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Officiant** Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### Suffrages

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 42*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

### The Collects (Prayers)

#### Collect of the Day

**Officiant** 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 for ever. **Amen.**

#### A Collect for

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 816*

**Officiant** O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

**Officiant** God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Written by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Elizabeth Eaton. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To be prayed through the first Sunday in September.*

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 101*

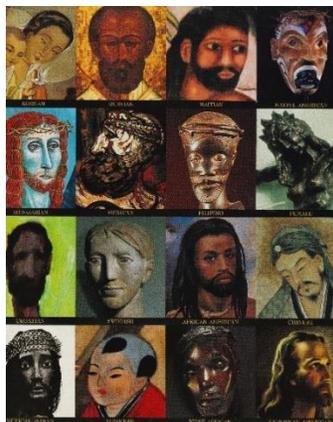
**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Officiant** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



Hymn 412 (v. 1, 3, 6)

Earth and all stars

Music: *Earth and All Stars*  
David N. Johnson (1922-1987)



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



*Refrain*  
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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**Concluding Blessing**

**Officiant** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you, and remain with you and those you love, now and always. Amen.

**Postlude**

The hymn this week is a gift of Debby Rempis.

## **sPrayers of the People**

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church and The Most Revd Mark Strange - Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Neponset River Deanery: Christ Church, Hyde Park (Boston); Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston); Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan (Boston); Church of the Advent, Medfield;, and Congregations: Sextons and Custodians.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of:

David Crockett by Renee Crockett Rehn

Nina Alexa Pansuk, Mary, Daniel, & Elizabeth Pansuk, and Walter & Alexandra Gorelchenka by Sonia & Walter Pansuk

Joy and Charles Reed by their family

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church and First Church of Christ Scientist.

Your prayers are requested for Bob, Patsy, Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Bob, Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, and Linda Evans. We ask that you give all cancer fighters comfort in their suffering, shrinking and destroying all cancerous tumors according to your will. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) ([office@ccneedham.org](mailto:office@ccneedham.org)).

*Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!*

*Steve Sussman, Piano*

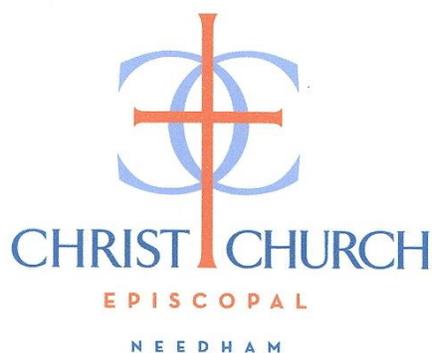
*Vocalists: Lea Peterson, Grant Furguele, Mark Anderson*

*And others to be named on air!*

*If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) ([office@ccneedham.org](mailto:office@ccneedham.org)).*

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