



## August 1, 2021: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Collect of the Day

The Reverend M. Lise Hildebrandt

Jesus, beloved brother, be to us the true bread of life and transformation that feeds our fearful hearts and limbs and calls us out of isolation and inaction to join you in the divine creative dance. Amen.

### The First Lesson

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

### Psalm 51:1-13

*Psalter for the Christian People*, pp. 71-72

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**  
For I know my transgressions, \*  
**and my sin is ever before me.**  
Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**  
And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**  
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**  
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**  
Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**  
Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**  
Cast me not away from your presence \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**  
Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Hymn**

We gather here, O God

Tune: *Diademata*

## **The Gospel**

**John 6:24-35**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**Hymn 427 st 1, 2, 5**

When morning gilds the skies

### **Prayers of the People**

*This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc’s, Laxil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.*

*This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Mystic Valley Deanery: St. Elizabeth’s Church, Wilmington; Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester; St. John’s Church, Winthrop; Trinity Church, Woburn; and Congregations: Parish Historians.*

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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Heath and Migliuolo Family Loved Ones.*

*Your prayers are requested for Harry and Jeanette, Andy M., Alex, Penny, Maya, Ed B., Glenn, Madison, Anita, Kate, Jim and Debbie, Lois C., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, Maureen, and Linda F. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.*

*This week’s music is gifted by MaryAnn Ryan.*

## Those Who Serve

We have opportunities for lay assistants to serve during worship throughout the year. If you haven't been involved before, now is a great time to try it out! [Sign up online](#).

Serving today:

Ali Heard, Tech Verger

Phil Bergen, Lector

Amy Sweeney, Usher

Steve Sussman, Pianist

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR THANKS

We thank **Barbara Hurley** for organizing lemonade time for us today. Join our hybrid coffee hour on [Zoom](#). If you are interested in hosting this summer, please get in touch with [Debby](#). And thanks everyone, for wearing nametags.

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