



## August 8, 2021: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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### Organ Prelude

“The Peace may be exchanged” (from *Rubrics*)

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### Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The First Lesson

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

## Psalm 130

*Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 179-180*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**  
If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
**O Lord, who could stand?**  
For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
**therefore you shall be feared.**  
I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for you; \*  
**in your word is my hope.**  
My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than sentries for the morning, \*  
**more than sentries for the morning.**  
O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
**for with the LORD there is mercy;**  
There is plenteous redemption with the LORD, \*  
**who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## The Second Lesson

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

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 6:35, 41-51**

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I

am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**Communion Music**                      Organ Voluntary

**Hymn 335**                                I am the bread of life

**Organ Postlude**                      Rondeau (Abdelazer)    Henry Purcell

### **Prayers of the People**

*This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United). 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, Lazil, 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 Neponset River Deanery: Trinity Church, Canton; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dedham; St. Paul's Church, Dedham; and Parish of All Saints, Dorchester (Boston).*

*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 Thomas J. Wainwright from The Wainwright Family.*

*Your prayers are requested for Maureen D., Martin W., 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 in memory of Joe Policelli and Jim Wensley, whose lives were lost to Covid.*

## 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

Debby Rempis, Lector

Anne and Pete Lyons, Usher

David Fellers, Organist

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR THANKS

We thank **Jamie Morris-Kliment** 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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