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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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when brethren live together
in unity."

~Psalm 133:1

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Opening Acclamation

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Officiant

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. ~ *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 79)

Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

(BCP Page 80)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

(BCP Pages 80-81)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People :

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Pause.

Officiant:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite

(BCP Page 82)

Officiant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

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

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

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

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 133

(BCP Page 787)

Officiant and People

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

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*



THE LESSONS

A Reading from Genesis 45:1-15

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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: O Spirit Of The Living God

(Hymn #531)



1. O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher-
2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give
3. Be dark-ness, at thy com-ing, light; con - fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls
4. Con - vert the na-tions! far and nigh the tri-umphs of the cross re - cord; the



- 1. e'er the foot of man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos-tate race.
2. power and unc - tion from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
3. with - out strength in - spire with might, bid mer - cy tri-umph o - ver wrath.
4. Name of Je - sus glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

A Reading from Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Hymn: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

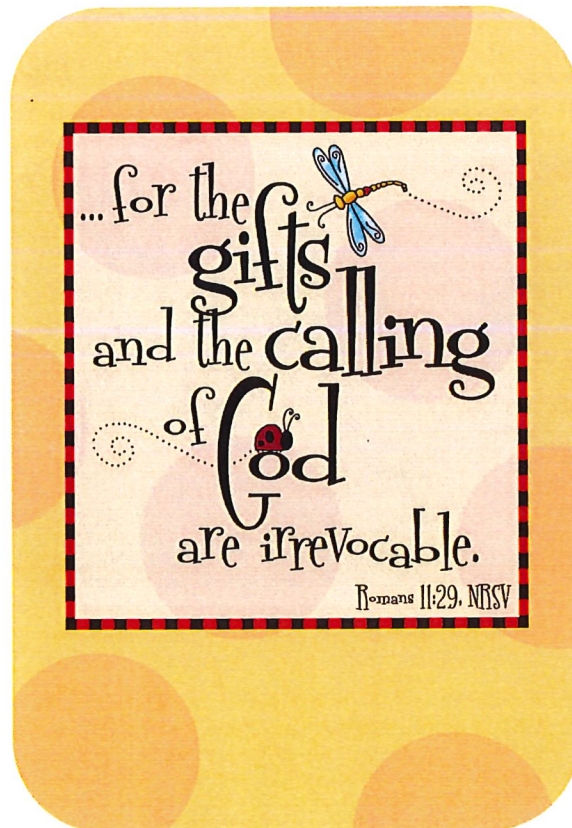
(Hymn WLP 773)



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re-
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis-
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



1. store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
2. me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
3. pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
4. heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!



A Reading from Matthew 15:21-28

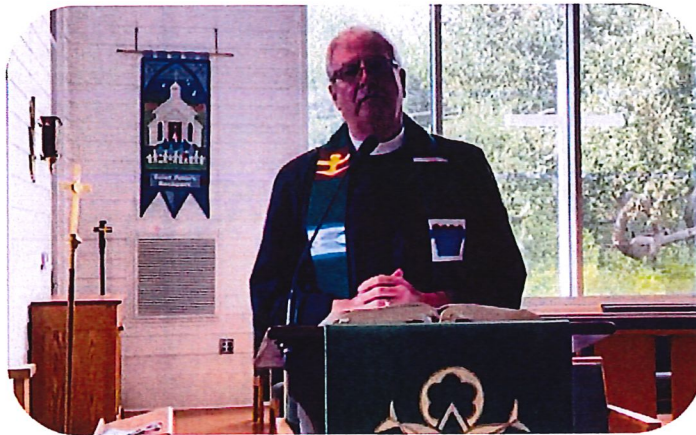
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

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Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*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 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

(BCP Page 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Suffrage A

(BCP Page 97-98)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord.
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord keep this nation under your care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth.
R. *Your saving health among all the nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ~Proper 15 (BCP Page 232)

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 Prayer For the Human Family

(BCP Page 815)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A Collect of Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church

(BCP Page 838)

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.

The Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 395)

The Officiant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Offertory

(BCP Page 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



The General Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 836)

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.



Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(Hymn #470)



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea; there's a
2. There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven; there is
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind; and the



1. kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty. There is
2. no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given. There is
3. heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our



1. wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good; there is
2. plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed; there is
3. love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word; and our



1. mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
2. joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
3. life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

The Blessing

May 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant

(BCP Page 102)

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen ~Romans 15:13*

All Things Bright



and Beautiful



Eileen and Steve are appreciating the little things...this beautiful plumeria with its glorious fragrance is in their yard to enjoy!

Don't forget to find those blessings both big and little that surround us but may be hard to see. As David Herring said, *"I have food, shelter, running water, electricity AND purpose. This is beyond the fondest dreams of millions, perhaps billions."* Thanks be to God.