



THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY 20, AUG 16, 2020

Welcome to worship! We are one family of faith even as we worship in-house and wherever we are sheltering in place. Let us gather together in heart and spirit, encouraging, praying and caring for one another.

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

GATHERING

Announcements and time for prayer and preparation.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son ✚ and Holy Spirit,
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.

Reforming God,

**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
failing to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.**

We place our hope in ourselves, yet our efforts fall short of your love

and your children suffer.

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love. Amen.**

Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all our sins. Now, seek good, and not evil; love mercy. Encourage one another to acts of love as we await the fullness of the coming Kingdom in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of the 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: - *Silence*-. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



The Readings

The first reading is from Isaiah, the 56th chapter.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And 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—
⁷these 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.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Silence for Reflection

The second reading is from Romans, the 11th chapter.

[Paul writes:] ¹I 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. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28, is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. May God be merciful and bless us;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. *Alleluia.*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter! **Glory to you O Lord!**

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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.” ²³But he did not

answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Teaching the Word/Sermon

CONFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence.

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join our voices and prayers with God's people in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you, even and especially in the midst of these unsettled times. 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.**

Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, and opened their eyes and hearts. Help your church welcome and find blessing in people we might not see or welcome. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. 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 fear. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts in the silence after each petition

Help us share the burdens of those weighed down by need, fear, abuse, and all those whose needs we bring before you:

all who need medical treatment from any and every cause,
and those unable to access care...

all weighed down by fear and loss and grief...

families struggling and stressed to meet the needs of work and home...

those struggling and anxious for health in body, mind and finances....

those working to plan for the safety and needs of students and staff in the
upcoming school year...

Hear our needs, and the needs known only to You. Be our strength to meet the days ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered as there is need...

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather our beloved dead, give comfort and peace to all who mourn, that we may 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.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you!**

Pause to share peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, share a blessing, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online by going to the website christpipersville.org, using the QR code with your smartphone, or be gathered and mailed.



Then continue:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Let us pray. *Silence* God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

**Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,

for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*We give thanks to God that we are able to gather where we are sheltering in place
and in-house, and for your faithful support as we move forward serving one
another and out community.*

POSTLUDE



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*'make a leg' is term from the 17th into the 18th c for an elegant bow made by a man.