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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew. The 'S' numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: Aria, Op. 51 Flor Peeters (1903-1986) Oliver Barron, Trumpet

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 522: Glorious things

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria, Hymn S-280: Glory to God

(10:00 am only)

People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken

Reader The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People

Psalm 103:1-8

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.
- ³ He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴ He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- ⁵ He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that

what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 633: Word of God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: *Luke 13:10-17*

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

With faith in the God who heals, redeems, and calls us to be repairers of the breach, let us offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world. *A brief silence* We pray, O God, that you will help us to keep love and compassion at the center of our faith. Guide us continually as we seek to serve your people and meet the needs of the world.

People God of faith, hear our prayer.

We pray for our children, youth, and teachers as they return to school. Bless them with curiosity, courage, and joy in learning. Protect them from harm, surround them with supportive communities, and help them to grow in wisdom and kindness. Grant patience and strength to parents, educators, and all who nurture their growth. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

We pray that our leaders may be guided not by self-interest, but by justice and compassion: developing strong communities, protecting the dignity of all, and seeking peace across divisions. We pray for wisdom in addressing polarization, economic inequities, and the wounds of racism. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all places of war, famine, and natural disaster. Renew in us the will to act as faithful stewards of your creation as we respond to the challenges of climate change. Bring healing to nations fractured by violence, especially Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all regions torn by conflict. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

We pray that we may be a people who satisfy the needs of the afflicted, offering shelter to the unhoused, food for the hungry, and companionship for the lonely. May our church and our neighborhoods become gardens of God's delight and places of refuge. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the weary, and all who cry out for healing. We remember those on our prayer list, those we name in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Bless caregivers, medical workers, chaplains, and all who serve others with compassion. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own needs and the needs of those close to our hearts. *Silence* Surround us with your love and compassion. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have gone before us in faith, and for the comfort of those who mourn. We remember especially Brian Campbell, who died this week; Margaret Howell Welch and Dorothy Rovelstad Nesse, in whose memory the flowers are given this week, and all those dear to each of us. *Silence* May they rest in the mercy of the God who crowns us with steadfast love and satisfies us with good things. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hear the prayers of your people. Free us from the yoke of oppression, heal us with your compassion, and guide us into your unshakable kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Voluntary: *Trois Prières sans Paroles* Jean-Michel Damase (1928-2013) Oliver Barron, Trumpet

Offertory Hymn 567: Thine arm, O Lord

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus, S-129: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you

Communion Voluntary: Old Pastoral Psalm Oskar Lindeberg (1887-1955)
Oliver Barron, Trumpet

Communion Hymn 314: Humbly I adore Thee

may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to

love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 493: O for a Thousand

 $\label{the come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.}$

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Variations Gregoriennes sur un 'Salve Regina' Henri Tomasi (1901-1971)
Oliver Barron, Trumpet

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