



**The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020**

Welcome

Prelude

Pastorale

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Hymn

Christ is the world's true light

Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long its pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Opening Acclamation

Clergy O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
All **we praise you!**

Clergy You made the earth and all that lives here:
All **we praise you!**

Clergy You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to all people:
All **we praise and thank you, O God!**

Clergy That the eyes of the blinded be opened, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought
out of darkness, the wealth of the world serve the good of all,
All **your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!**

Clergy Then let us sing a new song to God.
All **With joy let us honor our maker.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy Let us pray.

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.**

Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And 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—

these 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.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

² Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Hymn

Heal me, hands of Jesus

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Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain:
restore my hope; remove my fear and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader To God who so loved the world, let us pray with hearts full of love.

(A brief silence)

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for Grace Church in Elmira and their Priest-in-Charge the Rev. Jennifer Scott; and Trinity Church in Elmira and their Rector the Very Rev. Wanda Copeland. In our Diocese, we pray especially for the clergy and parishes in the Oswego-Northern Onondaga and North-Country Districts. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Iglesia de San Jorge, in Acajutla and their priest the Rev. Mario Nunez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Arizona and their bishop the Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Most Revd. Mark Strange. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For peace among all peoples of the earth: may God redeem us from the slavery of selfishness. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For the health and sustainability of the earth and all living things: may we grow as stewards of the marvelous gift you have given in all of creation. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For this nation and our local communities: may we continually seek to offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support until all people live in justice and freedom. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those who suffer from any illness, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those we have loved but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they live forever with God in Christ. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy Hear our prayers, loving and gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Now thank we all our God

George Kaufmann

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for mission

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Blessing

Clergy Now go in peace,
do what God wills,
follow where Christ calls,
pray for the gifts of the Spirit;
and may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Rest on and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

How wondrous and great

Hymn 533

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy name?
Thou only, art holy, thou only, supreme.

To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee thy God.

Dismissal

Clergy God has told us what is good and right;
Live justly,
Love kindly,
Walk with God.

All **Amen. Alleluia. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Improvisation on Lyons

Additional source for today's liturgy:
Iona Abbey Worship Book