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## *The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

*August 16, 2020*

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast by livestream video*

## THE VOLUNTARY Psalm - Prelude, Set 1, No 3

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Psalm 23:4*

## THE OPENING HYMN 371, vv. 1 &amp; 3 Thou, whose almighty word

MOSCOW

*All sing or read along.*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), *alt.*

Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); *harm.* The New Hymnal, 1916, based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

## THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

## THE VENITE

*The people say the words in bold, starting and ending with the antiphon.*

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

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 a 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!**

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 133*

*The people say the words in bold.*

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 FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 45:1–15*

**J**oseph 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

*The people say the words in bold.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous in his sight**  
**all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \***  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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 SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 15:21–28*

**J**esus 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE: A SONG OF CHRIST'S GOODNESS

Anselm of Canterbury

*The people say the words in bold.*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
 you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \***  
**tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
 in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

**Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \***  
**by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
 through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

**Your warmth gives life to the dead, \***  
**your touch makes sinners righteous.**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.

**In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.**

**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 SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

*Say in unison.*

**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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS AND PRAYER FOR MISSION

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.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE WELCOME

## HYMN, vv. 1 &amp; 2 Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*All sing or read along.*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed, Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)

Music: William M. Runyan (1870–1957)

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## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Say in unison.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

**Officiant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Patricia
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Seamus
Brad Babbitt	Maureen Carrol	Billy Ulrich	Deedy
Steve Chambers	Robert E. Eikel	Carlos Diaz	Beverly
Barbara			

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Janet Poisson  
 Susan Pinkerton  
 Gabriella Williams  
 Eleanor Hayes  
 Kim Byrd  
 William Roche

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Toby and Manny Aguiar  
 Ginger and Colin Gillespie  
 Stacey and Brian Alemany

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; and the Higher Education Ministry Network.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.