

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #773 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand
 Lead me on, let me stand
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
 Through the storm, through the night
 Lead me on to the light
 Take my hand, precious Lord
 lead me home.

- 2 When my way grows drear
 Precious Lord, linger near
 When my life is almost gone
 Hear my cry, hear my call
 Hold my hand, lest I fall
 Take my hand precious Lord
 Lead me home.

- 3 When the darkness appears
 And the night draws near
 And the day is past and gone
 At the river I stand
 Guide my feet, hold my hand
 Take my hand precious Lord
 Lead me home.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
 for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

BIBLE READING Romans 10:5-15

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #801 "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.
You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON "Redirected to Mercy" Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY ELW #756 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our

**Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #692 "We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #785 "When Peace Like a River"

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll,
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

**It is well (it is well)
 with my soul, (with my soul,)
 it is well, it is well with my soul.**

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. ***To Refrain***

- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 my sin, not in part, but the whole,
 is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ***To Refrain***

- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 even so it is well with my soul. ***To Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.