



"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'"

John 6:35

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

Morning Prayer

Listen, God Is Calling MV 97

*Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

Announcements

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Church of Christ in Every Age CP 584

*The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.*

*We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**
Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.
For you, O Lord, are a great God, **and a great sovereign above all gods.**
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, **and the heights of the hills are yours also.**
The sea is yours, for you made it, **and your hands have moulded the dry land.**
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Psalm 51:1-12

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 51:1-12. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the melody. Above the treble staff, there are chord symbols: Am, mf, (Cmaj7) (F), C, F, G7, Em (Em7), A, (A7), Dm, Am, Gsus4, G, C. The lyrics are: Ho - ly One, give us clean hearts and stead - fast spir - its.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

a sinner from my mother's womb. R

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. RR

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and

have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works CP 407

***Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.***

***Grant unto us communion with you, O star-a-biding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life in you.***

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Sermon

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever; **for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.**

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; **you are sovereign, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.**

Riches and honour come from you **and you rule over all.**

In your hand are power and might; **yours it is to give power and strength to all.**

And now we give you thanks, our God, **and praise your glorious name.**

For all things come from you, **and of your own have we given you.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

This Is the Day VU 412

***This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.***

***Open to us, open to us your gates, O god, your gates O God;
we will go in, we will go in, to our holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates O God, we will go in to your holy place.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.***

***You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks we will give thanks, for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name, we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.***

***This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.***

Stewardship moment

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.*

God of Moses, who rained down bread on Israel's wandering people: lead us to the food that never leaves us craving, but fills our whole humanity with life enough for all; through Jesus Christ, the true bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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 forever. Amen.

Blessing

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CP 565

***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want not more,
feed me till I want no more.***

***Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow:
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.***

***When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.***

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – July 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;

Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51