

Morning Worship
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020

The Gathering of the Community

Preludes ~Lau, Mozart

Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn 373 *"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"* v. 1 & 4

*This is the day the Lord hath made,
its hours to God are known;
let heaven rejoice,
let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.*

*Hosanna in the highest strains
the church on earth can raise;
the highest heavens
in which he reigns
shall give him nobler praise.*

Scripture Sentence

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. (Matthew 4.23)

Versicles and Responses (p. 47 BAS)

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 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!

Antiphon

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **O come, let us worship**

Venite (Common Praise 748)

*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 and he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is the Lord 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!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then Joseph 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 honoured 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45c

Gordon Johnston



*Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **Refrain***

*It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. **Refrain***

Epistle

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Gradual Hymn 397 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" v. 1 & 2

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.*

*Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.*

*Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.*

*Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.*

*Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.*

*From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Anthem "Lead Me Lord" ~Wesley

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (p. 52 BAS)

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Intercessions

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 387 "All Praise to Thee" v. 1 & 5

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts
thy grace might shine:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father
be by all adored:
alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude ~Heckmayr