

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Crumbs of Great Faith”

August 16, 2020



AS WE GATHER

Pet dogs know the right place to be at mealtime: under the table. They know you don't need a special seat; these dogs are happy to get crumbs of "people food." And we rejoice to receive what we don't deserve: whatever blessings God bestows on us, disobedient sinners that we are. In the Old Testament Reading, God promises that He would call us foreigners to His table, and here we are. Even the disobedience of God's Old Testament people has proven good for us, as we see everyone receiving mercy from a gracious God. The Canaanite woman in the Gospel saw herself in the position of a dog, trusting she would receive crumbs from the family table. But the breadcrumb falling to earth she and we have received is none other than the Son of God, the Bread of Life. The crumb each of us receives is priceless! As we gather around Word and Sacrament, we get no stale food, but the nourishment we need for abundant life each day until we join saints and angels at the eternal feast in heaven.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OFFERING *(Please leave your offering outside the sanctuary in the offering plate.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 28)*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;

People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

People: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

People: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear and forgive for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to Him, confessing our sins.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination)

Pastor: Creator God,

People: we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as our sinful condition. We are not the creatures You intend us to be. Forgive us and rescue us from our unrighteousness that we may reflect Your righteousness and holiness.

Pastor: Promised Savior,

People: we confess that we are not only in the world, but too often act as part of it. We are as aliens in Your kingdom of grace. Forgive us and graciously treat us as Your own people for Your own name's sake.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Comforter,

People: we confess that we have wandered from the truth and sought to fulfill our own wants and desires. Forgive us, renew in us pure hearts, and guide us to walk in Your ways each day as long as we live.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world to bear the sins of all. He has opened The kingdom of heaven to all who trust in Him for salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray....Almighty and everlasting Father, although we do not deserve to be heard, You invite us to call out to You in every circumstance.

People: Grant us confident faith that You hear us and peace in our hearts that Your answers will meet our deepest needs;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*
(God promises to listen to the prayers of Gentiles.)

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶“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, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these 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.” ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32* (God’s mercy extends to all people.)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21–28*

(A Canaanite woman begs Jesus for help and is granted her request.)

Please Rise For The Reading of the Holy Gospel

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

SERMON “Crumbs of Great Faith”

Please Stand for the Nicene Creed

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, O heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (*Colossians 3:1*)

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. (*Psalms 136*)

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day raised our Savior from death and thereby opened the eternal banquet to people of every nation and race who trust in His promises of grace and every blessing. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You Created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

People: With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

People: Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Pastor: Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

People: Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

Pastor: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
 To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
 O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died:
 The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
 O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
 To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
 O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

O Living Bread from Heaven

O living Bread from heaven, how well You feed your guest!
 The gifts that You have given have filled my heart with rest.
 Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
 My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me to this most holy place
 And with Yourself have fed me the treasures of Your grace;
 For You have freely given what earth could never buy,
 The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
 And You have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
 My Lord, I do not merit the favor You have shown,
 And all my soul and spirit bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
 My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.
 And when You call my spirit to leave this world below,
 I enter, through Your merit, where joys unmingled flow.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
 All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us more than crumbs from Your Table; we have received a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith, and strengthen us to share with friends and strangers Your gracious invitation, that we may together celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24–26*)

People: Amen.

Christ the Eternal Lord

Christ the eternal Lord, whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured on all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise we stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days and make Your glory known.

Christ the unchanging Word to ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind, enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find the bread of life indeed.

Christ the redeeming Son, who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won for ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today and follow Him as Lord.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

