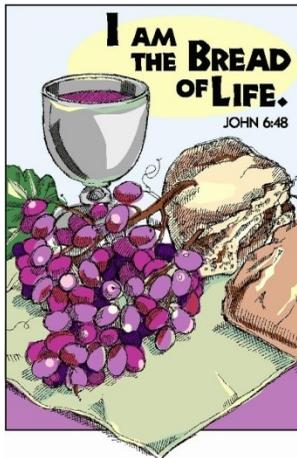


August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)

**Ministry of the Word**



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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn #373 "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

Text by Isaac Watts

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| 1 This is the day the Lord hath made,<br>its hours to God are known;<br>let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,<br>and praise surround the throne. | 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,<br>to David's holy Son!<br>Help us, O Lord; descend and bring<br>salvation from thy throne.                   |
| 2 Today Christ rose and left the dead,<br>and Satan's empire fell;<br>today the saints his triumph spread,<br>and all his wonders tell.           | 4 Hosanna in the highest strains<br>the church on earth can raise;<br>the highest heavens in which he reigns<br>shall give him nobler praise. |

#### Greeting and Collect for Purity

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

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Glory to God

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Unseen God, drawing all people to the end of our desires: teach us to know true bread from false and to feed on him who shares our flesh, Jesus Christ, our communion. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

II Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

*Reader* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

<sup>5</sup>The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

<sup>6</sup>So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

<sup>9</sup>Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

<sup>15</sup>And ten young men, Joab’s armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

<sup>31</sup>Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” <sup>32</sup>The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

<sup>33</sup>The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130**

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| <p>1 Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord;<br/>Lord, hear my voice;<br/>let your ears consider well the voice of<br/>my supplication.</p> <p>2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done<br/>amiss,<br/>O Lord, who could stand?</p> <p>3 For there is forgiveness with you;<br/>therefore you shall be feared.</p> <p>4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;<br/>in his word is my hope.</p> | <p>5 My soul waits for the Lord,<br/>more than watchmen for the<br/>morning,<br/>more than watchmen for the<br/>morning.</p> <p>6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,<br/>for with the Lord there is mercy;</p> <p>7 With him there is plenteous<br/>redemption,<br/>and he shall redeem Israel from<br/>all their sins.</p> |
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**Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# 5

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

John 6:35,41–51

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>35</sup> 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 . . .”

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

Solo: “Today I Awake”

Text and Music by John Bell

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.****We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.****For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.****We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.****The Prayers of the People***Leader* Lord, in your mercy,*People* **Hear our prayer.****Confession and Absolution**

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.*Silence is kept.**Celebrant* Most merciful God,*People* **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **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.**

### **The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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| <p>1 The love of Jesus calls us<br/>our joyous praise to sing;<br/>our deeply felt thanksgivings<br/>we now together bring,<br/>for all God's many blessings,<br/>unasked yet still received,<br/>and for the generations<br/>who faithfully believed.</p>  | <p>3 The love of Jesus calls us<br/>to go where he would go,<br/>to challenge all that limits,<br/>to change, to learn, to grow,<br/>to know that Christ has freed us,<br/>that prisons are no more;<br/>for those who seek his kingdom,<br/>Christ opens every door.</p> |
| <p>2 The love of Jesus calls us,<br/>that we may always be<br/>companions on a journey,<br/>where all the world may see<br/>that serving Christ is freedom<br/>which time does not destroy;<br/>where Christ's command is duty,<br/>and every duty joy.</p> | <p>4 The love of Jesus calls us<br/>in swiftly changing days,<br/>to be God's co-creators<br/>in new and wondrous ways;<br/>that God with men and women<br/>may so transform the earth,<br/>that love and peace and justice<br/>may give God's kingdom birth.</p>         |

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| <b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>  |
| <p><b>Congregation Cycle</b><br/>         Juliet Adib<br/>         Stephanie Aguiar<br/>         Dr. William Amanyire<br/>         Ravi Andrews<br/>         Etoann Arsbo</p> |

**Today's Scripture Readings****Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35,41-51

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings****Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

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| Organist             | Michael Leach          |
| Soloist              | Rachel Fuller          |
| Intercessor          | Doug Heyes             |
| Videographer         | Egan Done              |