

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet



Woman of Canaan by Sadao Watanabe
[Smithsonian American Art Museum](https://www.si.edu/object/woman-of-canaan_1964.100.1)

GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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

Prelude: *In Prayer*

Neil Harmon

This work is a suite of several American folk hymns focused on prayer and reflection. The composer, Dr. Neil Harmon (b. 1969), is an accomplished organist, composer, and choral conductor with degrees from Brigham Young University and the Eastman School of Music. For 19 years he served as director of the acclaimed music program at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware. In 2018 he became a professor of organ at his alma mater BYU.

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Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

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 honored 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.

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

*J*esus 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.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

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

Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings

Hymn of the Day: *O Christ, the Healer*

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends? How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves! Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists ourselves. In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world’s disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

The healing ministry of Christ has always been central to the Church's message. In this hymn, British Methodist pastor Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000) speaks directly to both individual and societal illness. His hymn emphasizes the hope and wholeness that emerge from true community.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (b. 1903)
Music: Kedron, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826);
harm. The Southern Harmony, 1835; adapt. Hymnal 1982

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Offertory

Solo: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Calvin Hampton

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Iona Olive, soloist

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) was a leading American organist and sacred music composer. Born in Pennsylvania and raised in Ohio, Hampton studied music at both Oberlin and Syracuse Universities. From 1963 through 1983, he was Organist and Choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in the Gramercy Park neighborhood of Manhattan. His "Fridays at Midnight" organ recital series, which ran from 1974 to 1983, was among the most well-known and popular organ recital series in American history. Tragically, Hampton died at 45 of complications from AIDS. Despite the severe effects of his illness, he continued to compose from a bed in his parents' Florida home until the end of his life.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
Music: St. Helena, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Postlude: *Toccata on "Sing Praise to God"*

Neil Harmon

This toccata is based on the hymn tune "Mit Freuden Zart," one of the great tunes of the Reformation. First published in 1566 in a Czech hymnal, the tune soon became associated with the Lutheran hymn "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above."

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Eating Together: Suggestions for Your Table

We invite you to use this packet to deepen your home worship and provide thoughtful reflection for you and your family.

In the opening lines of the Gospel reading from Matthew, a Canaanite woman pleads with Jesus for mercy for her daughter, and this theme is reinforced in the offertory hymn, “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”:

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

How much time have we spent meditating on the word “mercy,” defined as ‘compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one’s power to punish or harm.’ Instead of harming others, aren’t we really just looking to give or receive a little mercy, show compassion, for our neighbors, friends, family, strangers, and even ourselves?

Here’s a prayer you can use before dinner:

God of the foreigner and outcast, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Christ so to love the world that your name may be known throughout the earth. Amen.



Embrace, photo by Joanne Foote

PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers: Heather Azarmehr, Christine Brunson, Eric Boudreau, Joan Chapmond, Beth Chenoweth, Mac Dailey, Jodi Doran, Courtney Farris, Russ Farris, Nicole Flores, Jana Kay Green, Steven Jennings, Marcille, Jesse Martin, Charles Osterberg, Cilla Parkinson, Jonea Raney, Jennifer Pollard Ruiz, Samuel, Mary Smith, Jordan Sondgeroth, Jeffrey Todd, Kim Todd, Michael Todd, Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Aaron Walpole.

For those celebrating birthdays: Ruby Lazarus, Cathy Chadwick, David Martinez, Max Azarmehr, Claire Dempsey, Ryan Dempsey, Liam Schmid, Sarah Bushman, Rina Hartline, Lucy Joyce, Lee Siegismund, Oliver Bondy.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Barbara & Glenn Dody, Carol & Gary Todd, Cathy & James Nelson.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Compline, Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.** Prayers, scripture and song, with music by members of the St. Mark's Choir. Mark your calendar for this meditative evening service - a great chance for a mid-week reset.
- **Drive-thru Blessing of the Backpacks/Devices, Sunday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.:** All elementary and pre-k students are invited! St. Mark's Parking lot.
- **Thank you** for the donations to the Trinity Center collected last weekend at St. Mark's! What a beautiful response from one community to another.

ONGOING EVENTS:

- **Join us for Sunday Coffee Hour, 9 a.m. with Mother Mary.** Access link [here](#).
- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom. Links posted on our website each day www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Contemplative Prayer Group, Saturdays, 9 a.m.** Access link [here](#). All are welcome!
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study:** Mother Mary leads the group through a discussion on the Gospel of Matthew. This [link](#) will be active on day of the event.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors:

Susan Willis, Bill Willis, Mairin & Nancy Bachschmid.

Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):

Kay & Jay Brown, Cindy & Dru Cabler, Dani Click, Jodi & Jay Doran, Lisa Leach & Jeff Doidge, Janes & Bullock Families, Carol Oppel, Diana Stangl, Christa & Ruby Tumlinson.



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