



St. John's Episcopal Church

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MORNING PRAYER RITE II AUGUST 16, 2020 10:00 AM

Voluntary

Grand chorus

Alexandre Guilmant

Entrance Hymn 371, vv. 1-2 (*Sung by all*)

Thou, whose almighty word

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the in-ly blind,
now to all humankind, let there be light!

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.**

The Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Song of Praise (*Sung twice by all*)

Praise the Lord

Cameroon traditional

Praise, praise, praise the Lord. Praise God's Holy name. Alleluia. (*Repeat*)

Praise God's Holy Name, Alleluia, Praise God's Holy Name. Alleluia. (*Repeat*)

The First Lesson 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 304, vv. 1-2 (*Sung by all*)

I come with joy to meet my Lord

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

The Second Lesson Matthew 15:21-28

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Homily

The Sermon

The Reverend David C. Killeen

The Apostles' Creed *(Said by all)*

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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, particularly those in the path of hurricanes and tropical storms; for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, Lucia Quintiliani, Shari Arrington, Gertrude, Charlie Head, Lynwood Arnold, Margaret Pendleton, Anita Gouge, Bob Flanagan, E. Burke Jolly, Candy Williams, Doug Smith, Cissy Petrandis, Danny Gouge, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud, at home or in the Facebook Live chat screen.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King, and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Remembering Francis Malone and John Andrew Smith,, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant concludes with the absolution of sin.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Hailey Feltis Meyer, mezzo-soprano

You can make your offering to God a few different ways:

1. *You can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56*
2. *You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Donate button on the top-right of the homepage.*
3. *You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301.*
4. *If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

The Lord's Prayer *(Said by all)*

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.

Prayer for the Human Family *(Said by all)*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 544, vv. 1-2 *(Sung by all)*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude on Song 24

Charles V. Stanford

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Flower Dedications

In thanksgiving for our many, many blessings, by John and Toots Thomas

In thanksgiving for Becky and Andy Reese's 36th wedding anniversary

In memory of Mildred Chapman, by Helen Haines