

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20 August 2017

HYMNS

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SENTENCE

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

COLLECT

God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
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.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

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,



all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant -
these 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.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses of Psalm 67 alternately:

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
**That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all
nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples
righteously and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God,
will bless us.**

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

A reading from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome:

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural

branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, sisters and brothers, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; 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.

Romans 11.13-32

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom; and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus 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.

Matthew 15.10-28

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Diocese of Rochester, USA (*Bp Prince Singh*); Diocese of Rochester, UK (*Bp James Langstaff*); Diocese of The Murray (*Bp John Ford, Clergy & People*); St Michael's Grammar School (*Simon Gipson, Principal; Cary Mansell, Kenyon McKie, Chaplains*); Christ Church, Newport (*Chris Kastaniotis*).

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who nurture community in our parish: Take A Breath playgroup, St Aidan's Painters, Torquay Craft Group, the Op Shop, those who visit parishioners, those who arrange parish meals; and pray that they may be inspired by Jesus who nurtured community.

For the sick & in need: Keiran (*also expecting in September*), Gail Lubie, Sally Newson, Joan, Chris Erving, Michael, Peter & Sally, Lachie Richardson, Megan Evans, John Bell, Pauline Reeve, & her grandchildren Hannah and James serving in Middle East, Ron Donohue, and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Community of the sick: Heather Weiss, Therese Cummins, Don, Alec Baker, Fiona Tunley, Jenny Stewart.
This community are those who need ongoing prayers for strength, courage, and peace of heart, mind and soul as they journey onwards.

Give thanks: that Rosemary's recovery from knee surgery has progressed well.

Year's mind

20th Jun Duncan (2008)
22nd Samantha Petrie (2015)
23rd Doreen Miller (2007)
25th Joan Niblett (2009)

Birthdays & Wedding anniversaries

22nd Ron Driscoll
23rd Ken & Chris Farrow (1975)
24th John & Sandra Born (1974)
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