

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 15]

AUGUST 14, 2005 - 11:00 AM

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What parents would not cry out for help to someone who could save their sick or tormented children? Here, in the gospel reading, we see a mother who will not abandon her mission to find relief for her suffering daughter. She is persistent and unflinching in her request for Christ's healing.

In this Canaanite woman, the church finds an image of its mission. The world is filled with people who are tormented, sick, and oppressed. In the prayers, the church asks for God's healing in a world that is troubled and wounded. In the eucharistic meal, the church receives the strength to enter this world and bring comfort, healing, and justice to those in need.

August 14, 2005

11:00 am Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

SONGS

551 LBW (green hymnal)

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
He is Exalted*

Chorus 1

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, who gives us life with all of creation, joins us to the saving death of + Christ, and raises us to new life by the Holy Spirit. Blessed be the Holy Trinity.

Blessed be God forever.

God so loved the world that while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ was given to die for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

SONG 28 (purple songbook)

Change My Heart, O God

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOY

Ushers will Collect the Green / Gold Cards

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

Whereas the Israelite community, defined by early legal traditions, was expected to live the righteous and obedient life, the prophet makes a new announcement: now righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community. In other words, commitment to the Lord makes a person a member of God's people—not race, nationality, or any other category.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (spoken responsively)

Psalms 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**²Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

**³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

As a Jewish Christian, Paul is dismayed that other Jews have not believed in Jesus as their Messiah. In his letter to the Romans, he discusses whether these Jews remain the chosen people of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

** **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 776 WOV (blue hymnal) (vs. 1 & 2)

Be Thou My Vision

** **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

SONG 559 LBW (green hymnal)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

** **APOSTLES' CREED** (spoken)

With whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

**** PRAYERS**

MEAL

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

(The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.)

**** PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we know our gifts cannot repay your love. We offer them to show our faith in you and Christ your Son. Help us to find good use for all we have that we may rejoice in what you will always give. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn.

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty... now and forever.

Amen.

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion, shared in front of the Communion Rail.

SONGS

41 (purple songbook)

42 (purple songbook)

*Give Thanks
Glorify Thy Name*

SENDING

** **BLESSING** (spoken)

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

** **SONG** 84 (purple songbook)

Lead Me, Guide Me

SENDING (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

