

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, AUG. 20, 2023



Worship is from the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the Blue Hymnal. Child Care is available in the Nursery.

Organ Prelude:

Entrance Hymn: Thou whose almighty word, *Moscow*

Hymn 371

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Gloria: *Robert Jennings Powell*

Hymn S-280

The Collect of the Day

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 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

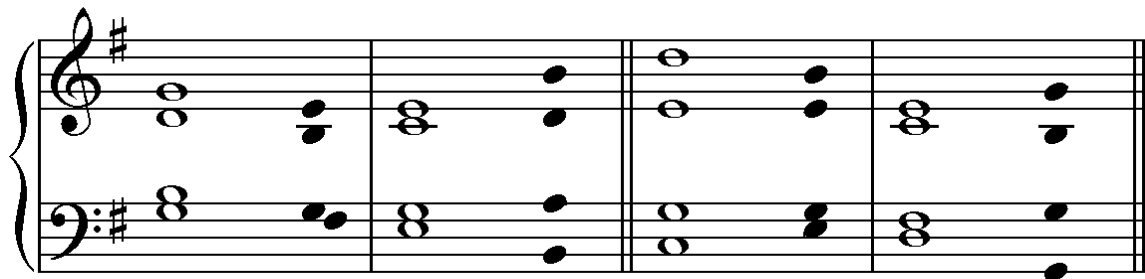
Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 Ecce, quam bonum! *The congregation chants the Psalm to a simplified Anglican chant by Robert McCormick (b. 1978)*. (Change pitches after each | in the text).*

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- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant | it is, *
when brethren live together in | unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the | head *
that runs down upon the | beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of | Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his | robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of | Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of | Zion.
- § 5 For there the LORD has ordained the | blessing: *
life for ever-| _more.

The Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace, *Lucerna Laudoniæ*

Hymn 538

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 10-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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 offense 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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead*

The Nicene Creed *BCP 358*

The Prayers of the People (Form III) *BCP 387*

The Confession of Sin *BCP 360*

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome & Offertory Sentence

Hymn at the Offertory: From all that dwell below the skies, *Old 100th* *Hymn 380*

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer A *BCP 361*

Sanctus et Benedictus, *Robert J. Powell* *Hymn S-129*

Agnus Dei, *Robert J. Powell* *Hymn S-163*

Communion Hymn: My God, thy table now is spread, *Rockingham* *Hymn 321*

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing *BCP 366*

Processional Hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, *Duke Street* *Hymn 544*

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary:

Prayers for Healing at the Bolton Altar

Following the Eucharist every Sunday prayers for healing with the anointing of Holy Oil are offered by Deacon Chisara or Father Matt. Come to the altar and tell the priest or deacon what you want to pray for.

CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

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The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
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The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m.

Morning Prayer is read on, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

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