

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 20 A

August 16, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 20 A

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The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus changes his mind and commends her bold faith, how might we lift our voices with this woman and call to our mind and God's mind those who suffer on the fringes?

*Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The links are embedded in this pdf, so you don't have to return to the email. However, you can also print these pages and use the links in the email.*



## Centering and Gathering

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Light your candle. **[Start the video by clicking here](#)**; it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: Improvisation on "How Good and Pleasant it Is"

*Recorded Thursday, August 13, 2020.*

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 858, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 9 C, May 29, 2016.*

## Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15; reader – Lora Dundek, lector

After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin, <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.’<sup>12</sup> And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.<sup>13</sup> 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.”<sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM: Psalm 133 *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

*Recorded on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 by members of the Cantorei.*

<sup>1</sup> How good and how pleasant it is, \* when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, \* upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar<sup>1</sup> of his robe.

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the<sup>1</sup> hills of Zion. \* For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; reader – Mark Pipkorn, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, “Alleluia”

*Sung before and after the Gospel reading.*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> 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.” <sup>23</sup> 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.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

**Faces**

Vicar Bristol Reading

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN: ELW 704, “When Pain of the World Surrounds Us”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Mark Pipkorn, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

## OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See: <https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

## Sending

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### LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by D. Cherwien*  
Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO VICAR BRISTOL READING *Response: Amen*

BLESSING *Response: Amen*

HYMN: ELW 886, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 B, July 1, 2018*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Ground Bass on AZMON ("Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing") D. Cherwien  
*Recorded Thursday, August 13, 2020.*



## In Our Prayers

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Ethel Jaarsma, mother of Connie Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbeshier Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield;

*Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Miranda and Nathan Alvis, niece and nephew of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapaja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*

- ***In hospice care:*** Dan Adams.
- ***At the death of:*** Charlene Newhouse, aunt of Cynthia Prosek.
- ***Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.***
- ***Our continual prayers are offered for peace:*** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.