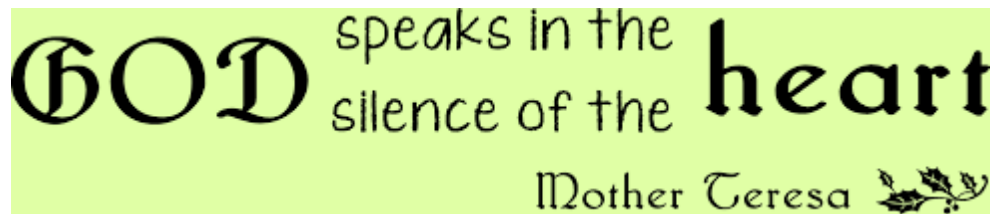


Sunday, August 8, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Thought: *Psalm 130:6-8 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning. People of God, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.*
“What’s your opinion,” someone might ask you. Maybe about life, family, politics or even faith and your place in the journey. In the Old Testament from 1 Kings 18 is the story of Elijah and the Priests of Baal. It starts out this way: Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. THE PEOPLE DID NOT ANSWER. This is our question as well.



Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: Come to the One who hears our praise and tears, who knows our joys and sorrows.

C: We wait for God, our spirits wait in hope.

A: Open the deep places of your life to God, places of light and shadow.

C: We wait for God, more than those who watch for the morning of a new day.

A: Taste and see that God is good; blessed are those whose refuge is God.

C: We trust in God's steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Gathering Music

<https://youtu.be/mwTsC8WfUvU>

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind - COVID Hymns

#400 ELW – Lillian Pinkston

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Prayer of Confession

P: For spirits closed to the movement and newness you would bring to our lives,

A moment of silence for meditation

So we pray:

C: forgive us, O God.

For hearts unwilling to name to you what we complain about among ourselves,

C: forgive us, O God.

For hands clenched too tightly around the abundance of gifts we enjoy when others go wanting,

C: forgive us, O God.

For faith that presumes we can only pray about what is good and not lament what is wrong,

C: forgive us, O God.

May your Holy Spirit grace us with forgiveness that heals, that opens, that encourages, in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise

<https://youtu.be/sUyZWHkuwzw>

Glory to God in the Highest – Mass of Christ the Savior

Prayer of the Day

A: We know that change is a constant of life, O God; but we also know that you alone are unchanging, and that you call us in the midst of change to persevere in believing in you and following your Son.

C: When all else fails, your loving care for us remains. When we might be tempted to leave your clear-marked path for uncharted road, you remind us that our travels through change are led and blessed by you. Show us how best to serve you, under the abundant Mercy of Your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Word

<https://youtu.be/HjCtRf2Xstk>

Old Testament reading – 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah given bread for his journey

4[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**²I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me

and delivered me from all my terrors. R

⁵Look upon the LORD^l and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

**⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Epistle reading – Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Put away evil, live in love.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel – John 6:35, 41-51
Christ, the bread of life

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O God**

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus,

the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

Children of God message
<https://youtu.be/1IQO5hFcC3w>

Homily – “God’s not done with you yet!”
<https://youtu.be/ZR17iACFUY4>

Music

<https://youtu.be/X3kZlrMyEvE>
Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult – stbsnashville

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Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, “Christian, follow, me”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

The Apostles' Creed

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 the life everlasting. Amen
Prayers of Intercession

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P: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility.

Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so swell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (the apostle James, names and) all the saints, the love Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O god.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A: Almighty God, as you fed Elijah with miracle bread,

C: so you provide us with every good thing.

A: Accept these gifts.

C: Accept our praise

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

OR

<https://youtu.be/rcLI0A-IXIc>

You Raise Me Up – BYU Vocal Point

Post Communion Blessing

A: Lord Jesus Christ as Elijah was nourished in the wilderness

C: nourished for a forty-day journey

A: So are we nourished at this table

C: nourished for our life's journey...nourished for all eternity.

A: We bless you now and evermore

C: Amen

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Music

<https://youtu.be/ihJAJA4ibEs>

Be Thou My Vision – My Favorite Irish Hymn!

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Dismissal

A: Give us strength for the journey as you Call and we answer – here am I send me.

C: Help us speak the truth in love to all we meet.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

