

Pentecost 11
August 8, 2021

Hymns

Opening 680 (1-4)
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Collect

Unseen God, drawing all people to the end of our desires; teach us to know true bread from false and to feed on him who shares our flesh to share your love, Jesus Christ, our communion.

Amen.

First Lesson 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths I have called to you; O God, hear my voice;*
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you were to note what is done amiss,*
O God, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you*
in your word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for you, more than sentries for the morning,*
more than sentries for the morning.
- 6 O, Israel, wait upon God,*
for with God there is mercy.
- 7 With God there is plenteous redemption;*
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Lesson Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves 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. Let 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. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Gospel John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They 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’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It 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. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I 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.”

For this week’s prayers.....

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the South India. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Bishop and members of the Diocesan Staff. **In our Parish**, we give thanks for the following birthdays: Jackson Scott, Joanne Walsh, Sheri Gavitt and Brian Olsen.

