LEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 15A

10:00 a.m.       August 16, 2020

Image: The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter
Naskh is the caligraphic style for writing in the Arabic alphabet that
the biblical text is written in for this manuscript.
The artist, Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib, was most likely a Coptic monk in the late 17th century in Egypt.
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Prelude

The People stand for the Processional Hymn

Joyful, joyful

Prelude (p. 8 leaflet)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
People Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

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 forever. 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.

Lector The word of God for the people of God. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (Pray in unison)
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 evermore.
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.

Reader The word of God for the people of God

People Thanks be to God.

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The People stand

The Gospel Proclamation

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15: 21-28)

People Glory to you, O Christ.

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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Allison Sandlin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
   the Father, the Almighty,
   maker of heaven and earth,
   of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
   the only Son of God,
   eternally begotten of the Father,
   God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, 
begotten, not made, 
of one Being with the Father. 
Through him all things were made. 
For us and for our salvation 
he came down from heaven: 
by the power of the Holy Spirit 
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, 
and was made man. 

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; 
he suffered death and was buried. 
On the third day he rose again 
in accordance with the Scriptures; 
he ascended into heaven 
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, 
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, 
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, 
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, 
who has spoken through the Prophets. 
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. 
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. 
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People 

Presider  In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work; 
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. 

For this community, the nation, and the world; 
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. 

For the just and proper use of your creation; 
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. 

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; 
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. 

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; 
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. 

For Michael. our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
*Silence for People to add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;
**For your mercy is great.**
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence for people to add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence for People to add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
**Who put their trust in you.**

_Celebrant_ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

_Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone._

_We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves._

_We are truly sorry and we humbly repent._

_For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,_

_have mercy on us and forgive us;_

_that we may delight in your will,_

_and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen._

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

_Presider_ And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

_All_ **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._
The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world to love and serve God and one another.
People Thanks be to God.
Praise to God

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;

giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)
Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adap. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt. 87. 87. D
Jesus Christ our Lord

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-men-t given.
and the heart of the E -ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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