

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
**=== Morning Prayer ===**  
**The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost: August 8, 2021**  
**The Season of Pentecost**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Gather #496, "Sing Hey for the Carpenter," v. 1 & 4

Verse 1:

Come with me, come wander,  
come welcome the world  
Where strangers might smile  
or where stones may be hurled;  
Come leave what you cling to,  
lay down what you clutch  
And find, with hands empty,  
that hearts can hold much.  
(to Refrain)

Verse 4:

Come leave your possessions,  
come share out your treasure.  
Come give and receive  
without method or measure;  
Come loose ev'ry bond  
that's resisting the Spirit,  
Enabling the earth  
to be yours to inherit.  
(to Refrain)

Refrain:

Sing hey for the carpenter  
leaving his tools!  
Sing hey for the Pharisees  
leaving their rules!  
Sing hey for the fishermen  
leaving their nets!  
Sing hey for the people  
who leave their regrets!

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** *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.*

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

**Response** *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

**All** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

**Venite** Psalm 95:1-7 Venite, exultemus

*A Reader leads the recitation*

**Reader and People together**

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

**Psalm** Psalm 130 De Profundis

*A Reader leads the recitation*

**Reader and People together**

*Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?  
For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**The Old Testament** – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

*Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.*

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!"

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***Response*** *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Epistle – Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

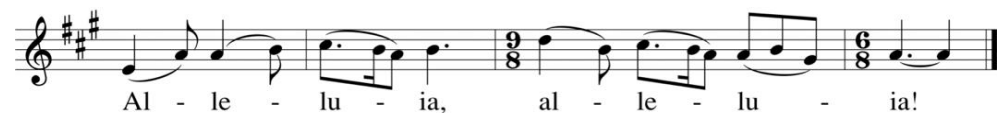
Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, 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, tender-hearted, 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***Response*** *Thanks be to God.*

### **\*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*



**The Gospel – John 6:35, 41-51**

Officiant     The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**Response**    *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.”

Officiant     The Gospel of our Savior.

**Response**    *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection – Rev. Lois**

**18 A Song to the Lamb**    *Dignus es Revelation 4:11;5:9-10,13*

*A Reader leads the canticle recitation*

***Reader and People together.***

*Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;*

*And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.*

*And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
We 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.*

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

**Response**   *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray.

**All**           *Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant     Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage A**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **The Doxology**

*All            Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Reader:*     Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know that all we have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving, and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given, and the gifts we share through Christ the Lord Church, reflect the debt of our gratitude for your many blessings. *Amen.*

*At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant:*   Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Florence Nightengale    Nurse, 1910    August 12**

*Reader:*     O God, who gave grace to your servant Florence Nightingale to bear your healing love into the shadow of death: Grant to all who heal the same virtues of patience, mercy, and steadfast love, that your saving health may be revealed to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer for Just Government During a Pandemic**

*Reader:*     Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in this State and in this County the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice, that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; and particularly at this time, those citizens who face the frightening prospect of eviction from their homes during a pandemic; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Judge, and Savior. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:*     O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** [*KRIS-us-tum*]

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn** – Gather #426, “Though the Mountains May Fall,” v. 1 & 2

*Refrain:*

Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,  
yet the love of the Lord will stand  
as a shelter for all who will call on his name,  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Verse 1:

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
he will not abandon you.  
(*to Refrain*)

Verse 2:

Should you turn and forsake him,  
he will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from him,  
he will always take you back.  
(*to Refrain*)

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Announcements**

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!  
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