

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

The texts this Sunday are about God welcoming all people, from every nation and every race, to mercy, healing, and hope. "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you," echoes the Psalm. If you are able, join the congregation — our part of all the peoples! — in hearing about and praising God's mercy this **Sunday, August 16, at 10 am.**

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020**

Our Common Prayer at Home

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging the entire worship video.

Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be the LORD'S servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

*This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading:
Music may be found at:
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200816/playlist>*

PSALM 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
²Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

^{2a}God has not rejected the people whom ages ago God chose.

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

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

If we tell the truth, we all are among the disobedient, as Paul so clearly says. We also are rightly among the foreigners, standing with the outsider woman, begging for help. We too are the dogs, with no right to the bread. But God holds all together in mercy, the ancient covenant people of the Jews but also those of us from the many peoples who have been gathered by the LORD. From Isaiah, from Paul, and from the Gospel according to Matthew, Christians have been learning the humility of the woman: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs.” Because of his cross and resurrection, Jesus Christ makes bread available to all the peoples, including us — the bread of the eucharist when we can gather, but always the bread of his healing word. And so we come to see our neighbor in a stunning new way: another needy person beside us, under God’s mercy.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200816/playlist>

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200816/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #790

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Then pray these intercessions:

Confident of your care and upheld by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, responding with the Canaanite woman to each petition "Help us, O Lord."

A brief silence.

We pray for the Christian church around the world,
for humility where the church is dominant,
for courage where it is oppressed,
and for faithfulness when it cannot assemble for worship:

A brief silence.

Bless your church, faithful God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for your bountiful earth,
for cleaner air,
for the fields on which our food grows,
for the renewal of lands and waters that have suffered from disregard:

A brief silence.

Protect your earth, creative God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for the nations of the earth,
for the peaceful resolution of disputes around the world,
for just policies that care for the poor,
and for the upcoming political conventions in our land:

A brief silence.

Save humankind, sovereign God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for all in need of healing,
for the residents of Beirut and other distressed cities,
for those suffering from hurricane damage,
for those sick and dying of Covid-19,
for the unemployed,
for people without medical care,
for medical workers and researchers,
for the outcasts of our society,

and for Gretchen Zeltner, Don Hanson, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Jack Mulloy, and those we name here:

A brief silence.

Heal the sick, merciful God:

help us, O Lord.

We pray for a spirit of respect between the world's religions,
for wisdom concerning the many houses of prayer,
and for guidance where religion serves as an arm of the government:

A brief silence.

Direct all religious people, gracious God:

help us, O Lord.

We pray for schools around the globe,
for educators who must plan for the fall,
and for children without the resources to access remote learning:

A brief silence.

Guide us, compassionate God:

help us, O Lord.

We pray, finally, for ourselves,
for whenever we feel tormented by demons,
and for all our family and friends:

A longer period of silence.

Bless us, everyone, loving God:

help us, O Lord.

We mourn the deaths of Ami and all those we love,
and we praise you for the lives of all your faithful people.
At the end, gather us all into the joy of your presence.

A brief silence.

Grant us salvation, eternal God:

help us, O Lord.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love,
we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20200816/playlist>

HYMN # 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your word you made all things: you spoke light into the darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of the world in need. Faithful to your word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.



We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord.
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 87. **Tuesday** Romans 11:13-29. **Wednesday** Matthew 8:1-13.
Thursday (commemoration of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153) Psalm 138.
Friday Ezekiel 31:15-18. **Saturday** Ezekiel 36:33-38. **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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