The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
16 August 2020 AD

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn 594  “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

Opening Sentences

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity  
Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]

Hymn of Praise 48  “O Day of Radiant Gladness”

1 O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God Triune.

2 This day at the creation the light first had its birth;  
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
this day our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,  
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given. . . .

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day
Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual

Psalm 67 read in unison
1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
   show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
   your saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
   let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
   for you judge the peoples with equity
   and guide all the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
   let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
   may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7 May God give us his blessing, *
   and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans. Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 389 “Let Us, with a Gladsome Mind”
1 Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:
   Refrain: for his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
2 Let us blaze his Name abroad, for of gods he is the God: [Refrain]
3 He with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light: [Refrain]
4 He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run: [Refrain]
5 The horned moon to shine by night, mid her spangled sisters bright: [Refrain]
6 All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need: [Refrain]
7 Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind: [Refrain]

The Holy Gospel


The Sermon silence for reflection follows the sermon

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

**Prayers of the People**

*The Intercessor concludes:* Show us the light of your countenance

*And the People reply*: And come to us.

**Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*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.

*The Priest says*

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.*

**The Peace**

Reach out to someone today to share God’s peace.

**Anthem**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*All pray the Lord’s Prayer*
The Blessing  The Celebrant says the Blessing

Closing Hymn 486  “Hosanna to the Living Lord”

1 Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
   To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing!
   
   Refrain: Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

2 Hosanna, Lord! thine angels cry; Hosanna, Lord! thy saints reply;
   above, beneath us, and around, both dead and living swell the sound: [Refrain]

3 O Savior, with protecting care abide in this thy house of prayer,
   where we assembled in thy Name, in faith, thy parting promise claim. [Refrain]

4 But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast, Eternal! bid thy Spirit rest;
   and make our secret soul to be a temple pure and worthy thee. [Refrain]

5 So in the last and dreadful day, when earth and heaven shall melt away,
   thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain, shall swell the sound of praise again. [Refrain]

Dismissal

   Priest  Let us bless the Lord.

   People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Next Sunday we will again offer Communion in the back lot. Participate in the Service of the Word on YouTube and then drive to the back parking lot for the Prayer of Consecration and and distribution of the consecrated Bread at 11 O’clock.

On Sundays we receive the gifts of the people for the support of the church and its mission in the world. Please mail your gifts to The Church of the Messiah, P O Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Following this liturgy, please make an act of spiritual communion using this prayer.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own church and those who worship there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me: [name your blessings]. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.