

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Collect

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Jonah 2:1-10

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!”

And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; *
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; *
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; *
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, *
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. *
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth *
and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! *
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

We say together:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.