

Sunday 13th August, 2023 11.00 am

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
- 4 With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
As fell thy manna down.
- 5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Reflection

Hymn 541 Lord, I pray, if today

- 1 Lord, I pray, if today
someone wrongs or troubles me,
make me kind; bring to mind,
that forgiveness makes us free.
- 2 Lord, I pray, if today
joy should fill my heart with song,
help me raise thanks and praise
for your goodness, sure and strong.
- 3 Lord, today if I stray,
show me the road I ought to take.
When I fear, Lord, be near;
hear my prayer for your love's sake.

Jean C Keegstra-BeBoer

St. Matthew 14:22-33

Hymn 28 Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heavens; (Psalm 36)

- 1 Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heavens;
Thy truth doth reach the clouds:
Thy justice is like mountains great;
Thy judgments deep as floods:
- 2 Lord, all creation thou dost keep.
How precious is thy grace!
Therefore in shadow of thy wings
we all our trust shall place.
- 3 We with the bounty of thy house
Shall be well satisfied;
From rivers of thy pleasure thou
Wilt drink to us provide.
- 4 Because of life the fountain pure
Remains alone with thee;
And in that purest light of thine
We clearly light shall see.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)