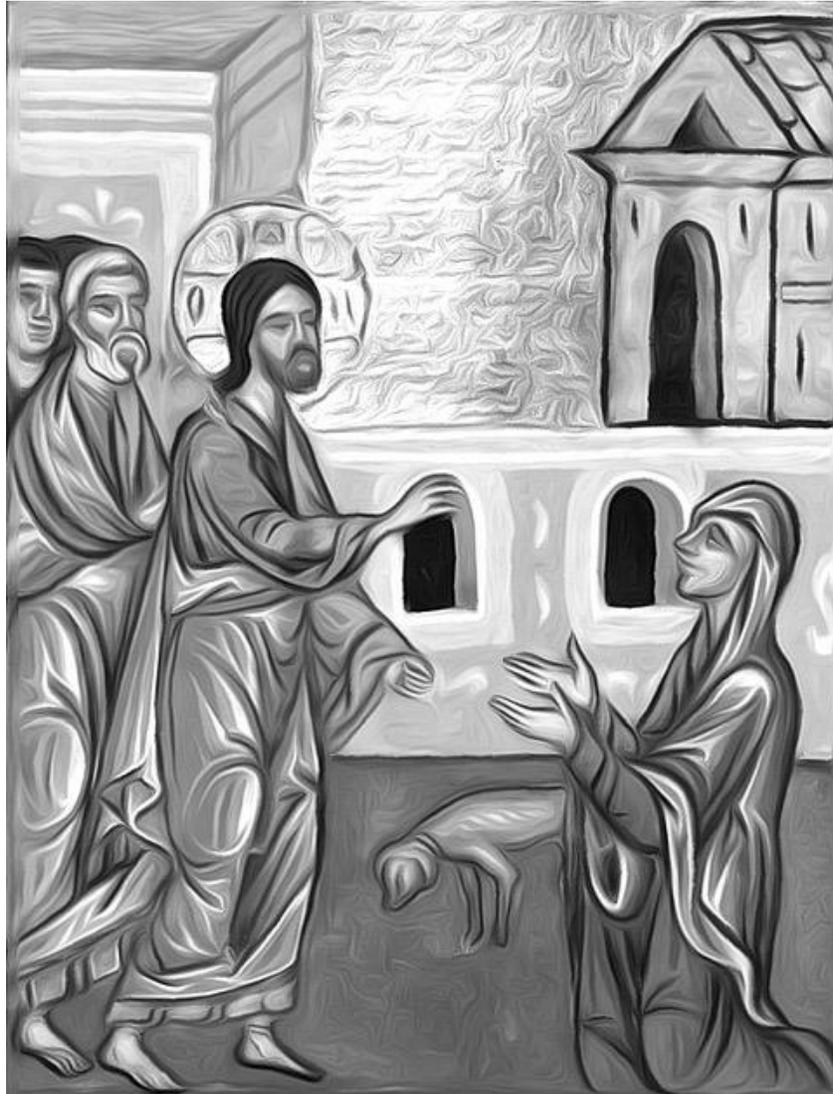

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Piney Parish



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Faces of Our Faith: The Canaanite Woman

August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Officiant Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "God is good and therefore King!" Praise Him, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars, in God rejoice!	Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.
Come Holy Spirit with new fire; when our prayers seem to fail, when we hear no voice nor
any answer, rouse us and light our way. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Jeannie Paz Hicho

*Wanting to be like other nations, the people of Israel demand a king, effectively doing away with the tribal leadership
that had been handed down to them.*

The LORD says:

Act justly and do what is righteous, because my salvation is coming soon, and my righteousness will be
revealed.

The immigrants who have joined me, serving me and loving my name, becoming my servants, everyone
who keeps the Sabbath without making it impure, and those who hold fast to my covenant:

I will bring them to my holy mountain, and bring them joy in my house of prayer.

I will accept their entirely burned offerings and sacrifices on my altar.

My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the LORD God, who gathers Israel's
outcasts I will gather still others to those I have already gathered.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM*Psalm 67*

- ¹ Be merciful 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 your blessing.
- ⁷ May you give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

THE GOSPEL*Matthew 15:21-28*

In our gospel, Jesus teaches that the thoughts and intentions of the human heart are paramount. Jesus warns against such blind guides preoccupied with externals. He then travels beyond the boundaries of Israel to the territory of Tyre and Sidon and encounters a Canaanite woman who beseeches him to heal her daughter. The first Christians were unsure whether they were to offer the faith to non-Jews, and the give-and-take in this story may reflect that uncertainty. Jesus sees his own mission as confined to Israel, but the woman's faith causes him to give her the bread she asks for. Symbolically it is the saving food of the gospel which heals her daughter.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us."

Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me."

He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maria Kane

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

United Church of Canada

Officiant Let us affirm our faith in the Triune God

All We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cami Caudill

Officiant

The gift of forgiveness surpasses our understanding; it heals relationships, and mends our wounds. In thanksgiving for God's unfailing love, we offer our prayer, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor

That the leaders of the nations may maintain justice that leads to peace, and harmony that leads to abundant life for all people. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Bartholomew's Parish, Laytonsville; let us pray.

Lord, Hear our prayer.

For the humility to receive God's blessings and the willingness to be a blessing to others, especially those who are lost and afraid, ill and without hope for recovery, mentally fragile and without friends; let us pray.

Lord, Hear our prayer.

For teachers preparing for the school year that is ahead, that they may be inspired to patiently nurture the minds of those in their charge; let us pray.

Lord, Hear our prayer.

That we may be a people of gratitude, giving thanks to God with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

That we may not succumb to the harmful temptations of our culture, the desire to possess things beyond our need, our misuse of intimacy, our reliance on drugs and alcohol to improve our lives, and all things that keep us from trusting the power of the Spirit; let us pray.

Lord, Hear our prayer.

That we may set our sight on the new life that awaits all who live in hope; let us pray.

Lord, Hear our prayer.

That the dead who have died in the faith of Christ may inherit the kingdom prepared for them, and that those whose faith was known to God alone may receive divine mercy; let us pray.

Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the company of all the saints, let us continue our prayers.

(Please add your intercessions/thanksgivings for those who have died and those who grieve.)

The Officiant will add a concluding collect.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant As Christ teaches us, we pray:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant 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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Officiant During this time in which we cannot gather to celebrate the great sacrament of Holy Communion, let us offer our selves, souls, and bodies to God in this prayer for spiritual communion.

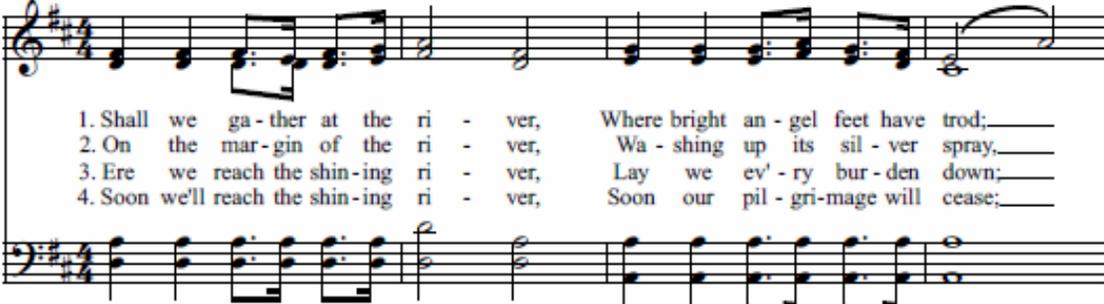
All In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life, and in the life to come. Amen.

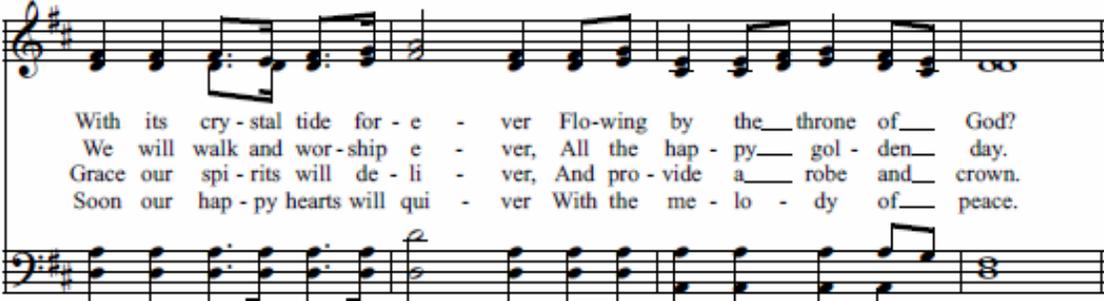
CLOSING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

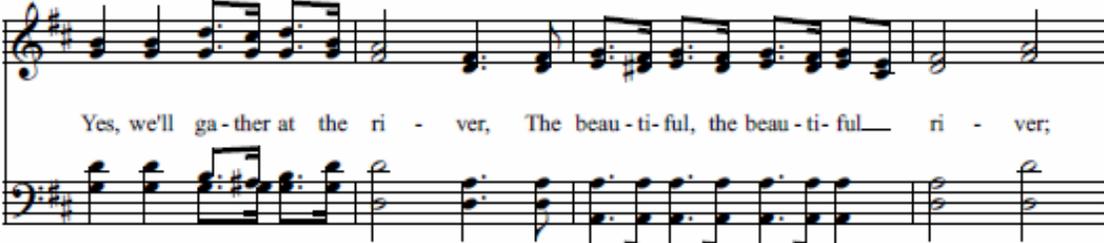
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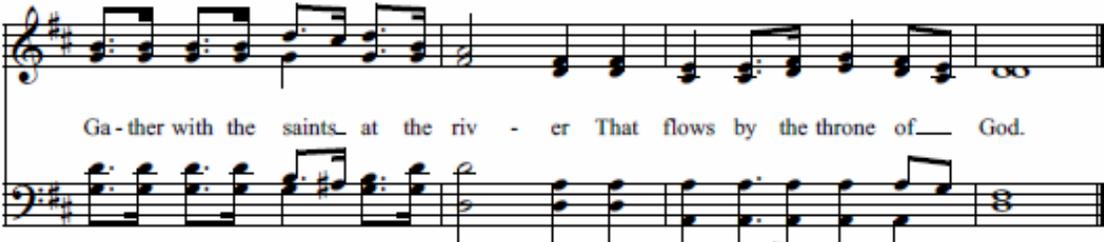
1. Shall we ga - ther at the ri - ver, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; _____
2. On the mar - gin of the ri - ver, Wa - shing up its sil - ver spray, _____
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing ri - ver, Lay we ev' - ry bur - den down; _____
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing ri - ver, Soon our pil - gri - mage will cease; _____



With its cry - stal tide for - e - ver Flo - wing by the throne of God?
We will walk and wor - ship e - ver, All the hap - py gol - den day.
Grace our spi - rits will de - li - ver, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
Soon our hap - py hearts will qui - ver With the me - lo - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll ga - ther at the ri - ver, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful ri - ver;



Ga - ther with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Questions for Reflection

Paul declares, “The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” How do the gifts and calling of God support us? How might they support us when we are not aware of them or even when we reject them?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious Lord, bless me and make your face clear to me that I may see your will for my life and know the power of your salvation. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, if I have disobeyed your will, show me my fault, that I may repent of my offense and receive your forgiveness. Grant me rest, secure in the irrevocable gift of your grace, Rom. 11:29 and let me arise for the new day alert to your call to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

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