

## SCRIPTURE

JOHN 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty... Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

## HOMILY

*Relax: All Are Welcome!*

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\*

8:45am *see insert*

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord, 382*

*We welcome you, as your mask remains on, to come forward to share the Bread and Cup. Upon receiving the Meal, simply remove your mask at that moment, then return to your pew with your mask on. Or, if you would like to remain where you are, we welcome you to utilize the Communion packet at your pew.*

## INVITATION

## HYMN\*

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, 614 8:45am*  
*Christ for the World We Sing, 568 11:00am*

## BENEDICTION

Go now in peace. **Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.**  
**Let everything you do be done in love.**

## POSTLUDE

*Menuet Gothique* Léon Boëllman 11:00am

**OFFERING**— Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! Offerings will be received in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary behind the last pew. You can also give online ([raynenola.org/contribute](http://raynenola.org/contribute)), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



**WE WELCOME ALL**— All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: [jay@raynenola.org](mailto:jay@raynenola.org).



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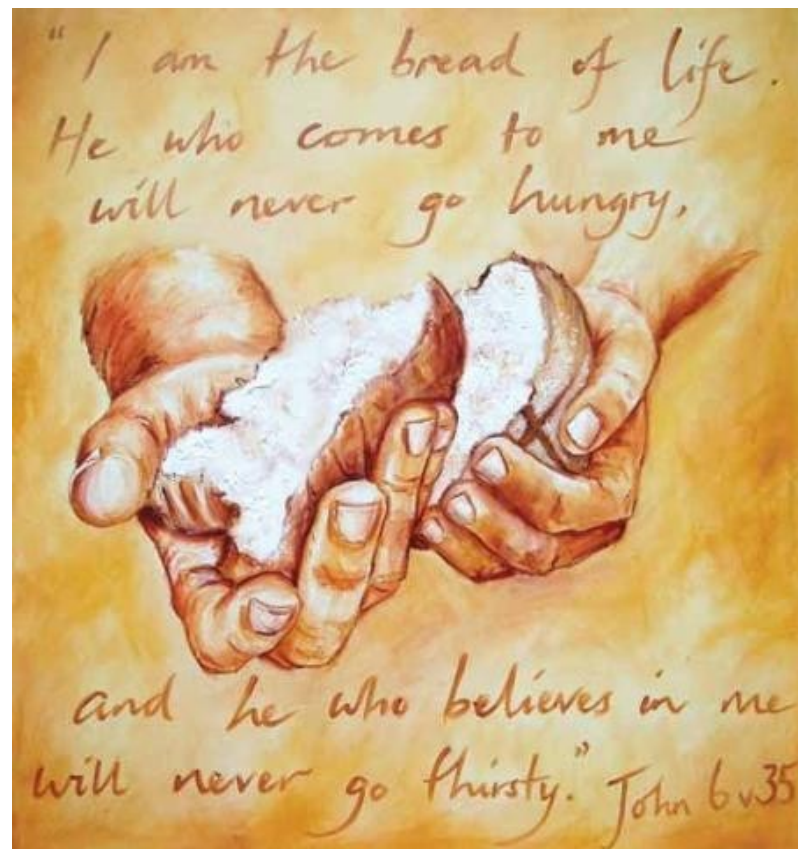
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# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 2021



Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 and in memory of Jerry A. Brown by Vanessa Brown Claiborne.

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

*Welcome to All!*

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,  
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

## GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

## PRELUDE

*Andante*

César Franck 11:00am  
Marcus St. Julien

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Jacob Nichols  
Maggie Lob 11:00am

Come, children of God, come and find rest and strength.  
Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.  
Come, heirs with Christ, come and find forgiveness and joy.  
Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.  
Come, people of faith, come to the one who listens to our cries.  
Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

## HYMN\*

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*, 185

## PRAYER

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath  
Estella Holland 11:00am

The presence and peace of Jesus Chris, our Savior, be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray:

God, you are our guardian and guide. We do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd. We want to know your presence and make it known to those around us. We trust that you dwell within us and we yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us. Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we act out of selfishness or hate. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired. Restore us when we are disconnected, and encourage our lives with your Spirit's care. In your loving name, we pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

11:00am

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, forever. Amen.

\*The People Standing

## RESPONSE *Singing*

*All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*, 554

All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace,  
and bids us each to each restored, together seek his face.

He bids us build each other up, and, gathered into one,  
to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on.

## THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

*Children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may  
attend children's church in the education building.*

**OFFERING** *Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.*

Randy Bunnell, 8:45am

*Psalm 23*

Antonín Dvorák

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing.  
My rest is in the pleasant meadows,  
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!  
My fainting soul doth He restore,  
And guideth me in the ways of peace  
To glorify His Name.

And though in death's dark valley  
My steps must wander,  
My spirit shall not fear,  
For Thou art by me still;  
Thy rod and staff are with me,  
And they shall comfort me.

Joseph Tate, 11:00am

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

arr. David R. Ledgerwood

O love that wilt not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths it flow  
May richer, fuller be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be  
That life shall endless be!

O light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshine's blaze it's day  
May brighter, fairer be

## HYMN

*When Morning Gilds the Skies, 185*

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear  
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss  
the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th' eternal song through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

**COMMUNION HYMN 8:45am** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord, 382*

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter;  
I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting,  
yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me,  
Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help  
me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me,  
Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being  
absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always,  
living in me!

**HYMN 8:45am** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken, 614*

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

**HYMN 11:00am** *Christ for the World We Sing, 568*

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and  
sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent  
prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at  
countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful  
song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired  
with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\*

*All are welcome at the table!*

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent  
of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION

Holy and loving Savior, we confess too often we refuse to honor our  
neighbor. We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us.  
Status often drives us; gossip often lures us.  
We choose chaos over kindness and disconnection over community.  
Help our hearts repent and return to your voice. Help us reconnect  
and share your love with our neighbors.  
Renew us with your forgiveness.  
May your grace abound.

*(silence)*

### PARDON

Hear the good news: shame lives within us no more. God's grace is  
sufficient for us all. May the power of Christ dwell in our souls,  
lift up our spirits, and urge us to works of mercy.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**  
And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living  
sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**