

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025**

THE HYMNS

Opening Hymn:	<i>"Let us Build a House" (SaNC-10)</i>	see page 4 & 5
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	<i>"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"</i>	CP-74
Closing Hymn:	<i>"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"</i>	CP-433

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray:
All: Living God, you formed us in the womb and appointed us to be prophets to the nations: stretch out your hand to cure our infirmity and dispel our fear, so that we may know the freedom of serving you in Christ and proclaim the wonders you have done. Amen.ⁱ

THE READINGSⁱⁱ

First Reading: (Jeremiah 1:4-10) Read by Lois

After years of the people straying from God's ways, King Josiah guided them back to godliness, with Jeremiah's help. God speaks to the prophet. Since before he was born, God knew him intimately and dedicated him to his service. He will support him in this ministry, despite his youth, inexperience, and apparent lack of authority.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation— I

cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

All: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God!

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Psalm 71:1-6ⁱⁱⁱ - Cantor: Pauline

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



From my mo - ther's womb you have been my strength.

Refrain: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. **[Refrain]**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **[Refrain]**

For you are my hope, O God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you. **[Refrain]**

Second Reading: (Hebrews 12:18-29) Read by John

The author contrasts the making of the old and new covenants of God with his people. When the old covenant was made at Mount Sinai, the Israelites were filled with awe and terror, but the making of the new covenant, with us, is accompanied by joy.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous

made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

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Gospel Reading: (Luke 13:10-17)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A woman is healed of her ailment because Jesus sees her in the synagogue. She does not ask to be healed. She thanks God for her cure. Entry into the kingdom of heaven is like this. Jesus says that the sabbath, set apart for God, is for being compassionate.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you

on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GATHERING

10 Let Us Build a House

C7 Unison *F* *C/E* *F* *Bb* *C*

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

Dm *C/E* *F* *Bb* *C* *F/A* *Dm7*

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints' and
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; a ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

Gm7 *C* *Gm7* *F/A* *Bb* *C7* *Bb/F* *F*

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

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Am/ Dm7 Gm7 C F F/A

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

Bb F Bb A7 Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace; let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

Gm Dm Am7 Gm/Bb F/C

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come

Gm7/C C7 F Bb/F F Bb/F F Fine Bb/F F C7

in this place.

ⁱ The Collect is from “Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt

ⁱⁱ The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the montreal.anglican.org site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>