

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10 -NRSV- UE

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Psalms 71.1-6

In you, O Lord, 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.

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.

For you are my hope, O Lord 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.

Galatians 3:23-29 NRSV- UE

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.
Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17- NRSV- UE

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.

Hymns

Open : CP576 For the Healing of the Nations v1,2,4
"Westminster Abbey"

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Invitory Psalm : CP 359 This is the Day
Marty Haugen

Refrain :

This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad, and be glad.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
alleluia, alleluia.

Let us sing unto the Lord, praise God's name with our joyful shouts,
enter in with our joyful hearts, to the God of our salvation.
This is the day...

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth now rejoice and sing,
let the fields and the trees cry out and the oceans thunder praise.
This is the day...

Bring your gifts before the Lord, bring your off'rings into his court;
tell God's glory to all the earth and God's wonders for all time.
This is the day...

Gradual : You are Mine
D. Haas

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near

Refrain :

Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light

Come and rest in me - Refrain...

gospel

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name - Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live. - Refrain....

Offertory : CP 612 Healer of Our Every Ill
M. Haugen

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

In the pain and joy beholding,
How your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision: God of love.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

Give us strength to love each other,
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Close: CP306 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

"Richmond " v1,2,5

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.