

First Reading: Genesis 45. 1-15.

1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors.

8 So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'

12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

830am Service	10am Service
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. All: Thanks be to God	Reader: The Word of God All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 133.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
* **when kindred live together in unity!**

2 It is like fine oil upon the head
***that runs down upon the beard,**
3 upon the beard of Aaron,
***and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

4 It is like the dew of Hermon
* **that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
* **life for evermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. All: Thanks be to God	Reader: The Word of God All: Thanks be to God

*Gradual Hymn: CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
vs 1-2*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15. 21-28

(Please stand as you are able).

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord	Reader: The Lord be with You All: And also with you Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to..... All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: The Gospel of Christ All: Praise be to thee, O Christ	Reader: The Gospel of Christ All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn: CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
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