

# Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

04 August 2024

## Collect

Living God,  
whose Son Jesus fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us with your true and living bread,  
Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## 1st Reading

### 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup> When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. <sup>1</sup> and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' <sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup> he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and

because he had no pity.' <sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord , the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the Lord , to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord : I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord .' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

## **Psalm**

### **Psalm 51.1-12**

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:  
according to the fulness of your compassion  
blot out my offences.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my rebellion:  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your eyes:  
so you will be just in your sentence  
and blameless in your judging.
- <sup>5</sup> Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:  
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> You that desire truth in the inward parts:  
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness:  
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins:  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God:  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me out from your presence:  
do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the gladness of your help again:  
and support me with a willing spirit.

## **2nd Reading**

### **Ephesians 3**

- 1** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —
- 2** Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,
- 3** that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.
- 4** In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
- 5** which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.
- 6** This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
- 7** I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.
- 8** Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,
- 9** and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

**10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

**11** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**12** In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

**13** I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

**14** For this reason I kneel before the Father,

**15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

**16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

**17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

**18** may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

**19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

**21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## **Gospel**

### **John 6.24-35**

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him

whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' <sup>35</sup> 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.'