



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29–32 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1034

As Paul concluded his summation of God's past, present and future dealings with Israel, he pointed out that a future for Israel was not only possible, it was certain, based on God's promises. Paul used himself as an example of the believing Jewish remnant. The special privileges God gave to Israel will not be withdrawn; God did not choose Israel for her goodness and will not abandon her for her wrongdoing. Paul cautioned Gentile believers not to become proud during this season of God's favor. Paul's conclusion was this: all, Jew and Gentile, have been disobedient, so God offers mercy to all without distinction between Jew and Gentile.

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. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 21–28 *NRSV*, p. 894

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
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