

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. 2God 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? 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.

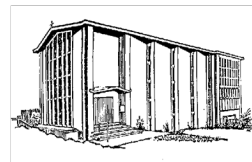
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### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 15.21-28 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

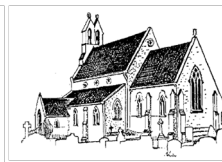
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, '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. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

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## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity - Year A 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### The Collect

O God,  
who declarest thy almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace  
that we, running the way of thy commandments,  
may obtain thy gracious promises  
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### A reading from the first book of Isiah

**56.1, 6-8**

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**