# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

#### First Lesson\*

(Introduce the lesson by saying): Our first lesson is from the book of Isaiah, the 58<sup>th</sup> chapter.

9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

- 11The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
- 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
- 13 If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; 14then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 58:9b-14

## Psalmody\*

(Introduce the Psalm by saying):

'We will read from Psalm 103. We will read it responsively'.

1Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

2Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

3who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

4who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

5who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

7You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

8Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:1-8

## Gospel\*

A Reading from The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

10Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
11And 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. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But 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." 15But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?

16And 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?" 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Luke 13:10-17

#### Second Lesson

(Introduce the lesson by saying)
Our second lesson is from book
of Hebrews, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

18You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death."

21Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

28Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 12:18-29