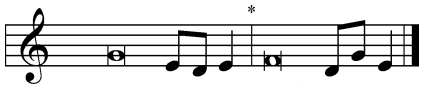
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

15 August 2021 Anno Domini

INTROIT

(From Psalm 68)



God is in his holy habi- | tation;*
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.
The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.
But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant | with joy!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

(Ps. 28:7b, 1a, 2a)

In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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Old Testament: Genesis 4:1–15

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she
conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have
gotten a man with the help of the
LORD." 2 And again, she bore his brother
Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep,
and Cain a worker of the ground. 3 In the
course of time Cain brought to the
LORD an offering of the fruit of the
ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the
firstborn of his flock and of their fat
portions. And the LORD had regard for
Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and
his offering he had no regard. So Cain
was very angry, and his face fell. 6 The
LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry,
and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do
well, will you not be accepted? And if
you do not do well, sin is crouching at
the door. Its desire is for you, but you
must rule over it." 8 Cain spoke to Abel
his brother. And when they were in the
field, Cain rose up against his brother
Abel and killed him. 9 Then the LORD
said to Cain, "Where is Abel your
brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I
my brother's keeper?" 10 And the LORD
said, "What have you done? The voice
of your brother's blood is crying to me
from the ground. 11 And now you are
cursed from the ground, which has
opened its mouth to receive your
brother's blood from your hand. 12 When
you work the ground, it shall no longer
yield to you its strength. You shall be a
fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."
13 Cain said to the LORD, "My
punishment is greater than I can bear.
14 Behold, you have driven me today away
from the ground, and from your face I
shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and
a wanderer on the earth, and whoever
finds me will kill me." 15 Then the LORD
said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills
Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him
sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark
on Cain, lest any who found him should
attack him.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and
sins 2 in which you once walked, following
the course of this world, following the
prince of the power of the air, the spirit
that is now at work in the sons of
disobedience— 3 among whom we all once
lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying
out the desires of the body and the mind,
and were by nature children of wrath, like
the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich
in mercy, because of the great love with
which he loved us, 5 even when we were
dead in our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace you have
been saved— 6 and raised us up with him
and seated us with him in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the
coming ages he might show the
immeasurable riches of his grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by
grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift
of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no
one may boast. 10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for
good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9–14

9 [Jesus] also told this parable to some who
trusted in themselves that they were
righteous, and treated others with
contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the
temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the
other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee,
standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I
thank you that I am not like other men,
extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like
this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give
tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax
collector, standing far off, would not even
lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his
breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a
sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to
his house justified, rather than the other.
For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, but the one who humbles
himself will be exalted."