

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

31 JULY 2016

These readings are provided, first, so you can re-read and reflect on them during the week, and second, if you wish, to follow the readings during the service.

Hosea 11.1-11

- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- ² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
- ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed
them.
- ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
- ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to
me.
- ⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
- ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from
me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
- ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and
tender.
- ⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
- ¹⁰ They shall go after the Lord ,
who roars like a lion; when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from

the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes,
says the Lord .

Psalm 107.1-9, 43

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
² Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the
hand of the enemy,
³ And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
⁴ Some went astray in the wilderness and
in the desert:
and found no path to an inhabited
city;
⁵ They were hungry and thirsty:
and their heart fainted within them.
⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their
distress:
and he took them out of their
trouble.
⁷ He led them by the right path:
till they came to an inhabited city.
⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his
goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;
⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty:
and fills the hungry with good things.
⁴³ Whoever is wise, let them observe these
things:
and consider the loving-kindness of
the Lord.

Colossians 3.1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where
Christ is, seated at the right hand of
God. ² Set your minds on things that are
above, not on things that are on
earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is
hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ
who is your life is revealed, then you also
will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to
death, therefore, whatever in you is

earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil
desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On
account of these the wrath of God is
coming on those who are disobedient.
⁷ These are the ways you also once
followed, when you were living that
life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such
things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and
abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do
not lie to one another, seeing that you
have stripped off the old self with its
practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves
with the new self, which is being renewed
in knowledge according to the image of its
creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no
longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and
uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave
and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him,
'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said
to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge
or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to
them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against
all kinds of greed; for one's life does not
consist in the abundance of
possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a
parable: 'The land of a rich man produced
abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself,
"What should I do, for I have no place to
store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do
this: I will pull down my barns and build
larger ones, and there I will store all my
grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my
soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up
for many years; relax, eat, drink, be
merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool!
This very night your life is being demanded
of you. And the things you have prepared,
whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those
who store up treasures for themselves but
are not rich towards God.'