

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 2020

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GATHERING

Where a response is suggested, please respond quietly.

PRELUDE

“America the Beautiful”

C. Staten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

As we seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

We have used our time foolishly and strayed from your path.

**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through death on the cross, God has given us life and hope.

Know that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“O Jesus I have Promised”

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Zechariah

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

(Zechariah 9:9-12)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14 (Read by Pastor Only)

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

A Reading from Romans

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

(Romans 7:15-25a)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken Quietly)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Day by Day”

SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Read by Pastor Only)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Empower us to care for your creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our nation. Guide our leaders to do what is just and right. Free us from empty words and symbols which divide us rather than unite us. Lead us to ever-greater love for our neighbors near or far. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially...*). Ease all burdens, bring consolation, and unbind us so that we may joyfully serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the congregation. Bless our pastor, congregational leaders, and all our members. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken Quietly)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“My Country ’tis of Thee”

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“March”

J. P. Sousa

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SERVING TODAY (7/05/20)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Gail Rarick; USHER: Greg Sklar

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Gwen & Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (7/12/20)

4:00 PM

GREETER: Karen Travor; USHER: Doug Travor;

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 5	9:30 AM	In-person Worship (M though Z Only)
Monday, July 6	7:00 PM	“God’s Work. Our Hands” Meeting
Wednesday, July 8	7:00 PM	Adult Forum ZOOM Meeting
Thursday, July 9	7:00 PM	STiC Meeting
Sunday, July 12	4:00 PM	Outdoor Worship at Albright’s Woods Pavilion. Everyone welcomed.

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