



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY 14 , 5 JULY 2020

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GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

INVOCATION

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reforming God,
**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**
We confess that we do not trust your abundance,

**failing to believe that you provide enough for all.
We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.
We place our hope in ourselves, yet our efforts fall short of your love
and your children suffer.
By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love. Amen.**

Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins,
Now, seek good, and not evil; love mercy.
Encourage one another to acts of love
as we await the fullness of the coming Kingdom.
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If you wish, sing the hymn using the YouTube playlist.

GREETING

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

Let us pray: Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



The Readings

The first reading is from Psalm 119.

Show me your love and save me, LORD,
according to your word!.

Then I will have an answer for everyone who reproaches me
for I trust your word.

I rely on your law - I will obey your ordinances continually,
forever and ever.

I have gained perfect freedom by following your teachings,
and I witness before rulers to their truth without shame.

I meditate on your precepts, and in them I find joy

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Silence for Reflection

The second reading is from Galatians, the fifth chapter.

Christ has set us at liberty to live a free life. Stand fast - never again let anyone put
a harness of slavery on you.

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to liberty. Just make sure that you
don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy
your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how
freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a
single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom.

My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you
won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. Choose to be led by the Spirit and so
escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence. Since this is the kind
of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold
it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications
in every detail of our lives. The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Galatians 5:1-6; 16-17

The Gospel, Luke 4 is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. The kingdom of God has come near!

Repent, rejoice, and believe in the good news. Alleluia

The Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter! **Glory to you O Lord!**

And (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his regular practice, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written (in the book of Isaiah),

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:16-22

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

If you wish, sing the hymn using the YouTube playlist.

CONFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ.

Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of 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**

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We praise you O God, that you have sustained us, and gathered us together in this place. We thank you for all who worked for our good, who became essential to our safety. Guard and guide those still working for our good, and guide us to act for one another's good. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all unable to gather with us here, but are with us in spirit and prayer. Make us one in our baptismal call to worship, serving you by serving one another. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In this weekend that we celebrate our country's birth, guide us to strive for the ideal of freedom for all your people, to be vigilant citizens and compassionate neighbors. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Stir up our hearts to live in true liberty, speaking for justice and mercy for all, and inspire our leaders to guide us into peace. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Help us cherish freedom of religion, to live our faith in all walks of our life. Give us courage to speak for our brothers and sisters those who are oppressed for the faith we share. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to choose civility and kindness in our personal and corporate discourse. Help us to model and live citizenship in this earthly kingdom in ways that witness to Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts after each petition

Help us share the burdens of those weighed down by need, fear, abuse, and all those whose needs we bring before you:

all who need medical treatment from any and every cause,
and those unable to access care..

for those weighed down by fear and loss and grief...

those struggling and anxious for health in body, mind and finances....

Hear our needs, and the needs known only to You. Be our strength to meet the days ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, have mercy and comfort those who mourn. Bless them with loving and patient arms to support them, the knowledge of your promises, and the hope of a joyful reunion with those who now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, O God, trusting in your mercy and love, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you!**

*We pause to give thanks that we are in house again after so long! Please offer contact-free greeting: wave, bow, curtsy, make a leg, place a hand over your heart
– it is good to be here!*

Let us pray. *Silence* God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

**Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

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.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever.
Amen.

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DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

As we depart, please observe social distancing. We give thanks to God that we are able to gather, and for your support and patience as we move forward to gather as safely as we are able.

POSTLUDE

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