



## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, in Jesus Christ you seek and save the lost. Grant us hearts that call out to you when we have lost our way, and hands that reach out to you for strength and guidance, our Savior and our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

R: Our first lesson on this Third Sunday after Pentecost is from the third chapter of Genesis.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

R: The Second lesson is from the fourth chapter of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (FROM ARGENTINA)

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.**

**My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord.**

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 3:20-35

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

### STORIES OF SEARCHING

### ✠ MESSAGE HYMN

### GOD IS HOLDING YOUR LIFE

TUNE: O WALY, WALY

**Lift up your eyes, behold the hills  
From where will help and rescue come?  
We call on One who made the earth  
Who blessed the stars, the moon and sun.**

Turn down your gaze upon the earth  
Where is the One who never sleeps?  
We call on One who guards you now  
Your spirit safe in holy keep.

Venturing out or coming home  
'Neath heat of day or cool of night  
We call on One who hears your voice  
And comes to heal and keep your life.

## ✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## ANTHEM BY THE PARISH CHOIR

STAY WITH US

*Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to you this day be sung.  
Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.*

*Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry,  
feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.*

*Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.*

*Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold:  
heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.*

*Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.*

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

**All: 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.**

## ✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION SONG

### TAKE AND EAT

*REFRAIN (sung by all)*

**Take and eat, take and eat,**

**this is my body given up for you;**

**Take and drink, take and drink,**

**this is my blood, given up for you.**

*The verses are sung by the Parish Choir*

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

## ✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Peter Lutkin

## ✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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