
∞ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✝ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ KYRIE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ who calls, enlightens, and strengthens us to face the day.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Trusting in God's power to renew, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: Gracious God,

All: **We come to you seeking renewal. We have fallen short. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to walk in your way of love. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Renew your right Spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we may boldly and joyful serve you and our neighbors,**

WL: Brothers, sisters and siblings, our gracious God, with unfailing love, looks upon us with compassion and mercy. God knows our transgressions and loves us deeply. For the sake of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Let us walk boldly together as renewed and restored children of God, in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen.**

O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

R: Our first lesson on this Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fourth chapter of Deuteronomy.

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

R: The Second lesson is from the sixth chapter of Ephesians.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 7:14-23

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

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**Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the good race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

✠ 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

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.

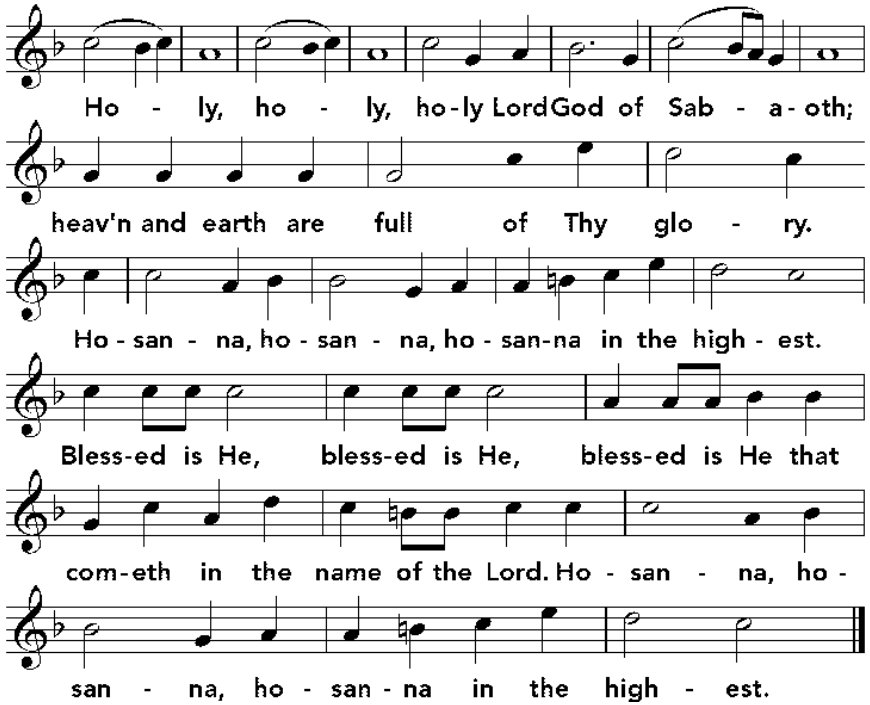
All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WL: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ SANCTUS

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING 3

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

PARISH CHOIR AND
CONGREGATION

TAKE AND EAT
BY MICHAEL JONCAS

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. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth, renewed by the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL
LBW #495, STANZAS 2 & 3

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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