



# + Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden.  
Jesus associates with those most often excluded from the religious community.  
Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.  
We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary."  
Gathered around God's gifts, we find rest for our souls.*

### Prelude

### Introduction

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgive all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you  
with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

**Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

# Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All




To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen.**

## Reading – Zechariah 9: 9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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.

<sup>10</sup>He 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.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145: 8-14

*The psalm will be sung by a cantor.*

*People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,**  
**and your compassion is over | all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all  
ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

## Second Reading – Romans 7: 15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but 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. <sup>24</sup>Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## **Gospel – Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Humanity 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.”

<sup>25</sup>At 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; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

*Following Page*

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
 you spoke the world into existence, called forth beauty from chaos,  
 and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**



P: 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,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: 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,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: O God of justice and love, send your Spirit of truth; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Draw near to all who call on you, O God, and help us to be faithful to your Word. Give us the guidance we need for the days ahead, and at the end bring all the world to your feast through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

P: Confident of your care, O God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition*

P: God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude*

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you, loving God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Benediction

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus Christ, our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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### Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *Abbreviations*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal***

## *Liturgy and Hymnody Acknowledgements*

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