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*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*



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# SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

## from *With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *Nocturne No. 5 in Bb major*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs 1,3,4

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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom  
vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They  
fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## THE GREETING & DIALOG

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.**

You are the treasured people of the LORD,  
**a people holy to the LORD our God.**

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

## SCRIPTURE SONG

*Refrain*

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to  
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;  
just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All  
na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,  
for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

VOCAL SOLO: *As the Deer*

Randall Fields

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

THE PSALM

*Psalm 1 (GNB)*

**1** Happy are those  
who reject the advice of evil people,  
who do not follow the example of sinners  
or join those who have no use for God.

<sup>2</sup> Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD,  
and they study it day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees that grow beside a stream,  
that bear fruit at the right time,  
and whose leaves do not dry up.

They succeed in everything they do.

<sup>4</sup> But evil people are not like this at all;  
they are like straw that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Sinners will be condemned by God  
and kept apart from God's own people.

<sup>6</sup> The righteous are guided and protected by the LORD,  
but the evil are on the way to their doom.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1b-11

**6** ... Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will

never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

## THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

<sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# 429 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you Still holds the

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of  
 thresh-olds dark with fears, From paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; Yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, We hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view The strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 Among these restless throngs abide;  
 Oh, tread the city's streets again;

## THE SERMON

HYMN: “Thy Word” vs 1,2

Thy Word

Words and Music by  
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

$\text{♩} = 70$  **CHORUS**

F C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

5 C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

**VERSE**

9 C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$  C

1. When I feel a-fraid and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be-  
2. I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

12 B $\flat$ /F F C Gm Dm Am

-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

15 B $\flat$  C C/D D C<sup>SUS</sup> C D.C. al Fine

Please be near me to the end.  
I will love You to the end.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
**pray in the Holy Spirit.**  
Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
**Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.  
*(silence for reflection and self examination.)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.  
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and  
serve you in newness of life,  
To the honor and glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power  
of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,  
Agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 3



☐ (Advent to Transfiguration) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
(Lent to Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
(Season after Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,  
let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the  
world.

God of mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God,  
for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

## THE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

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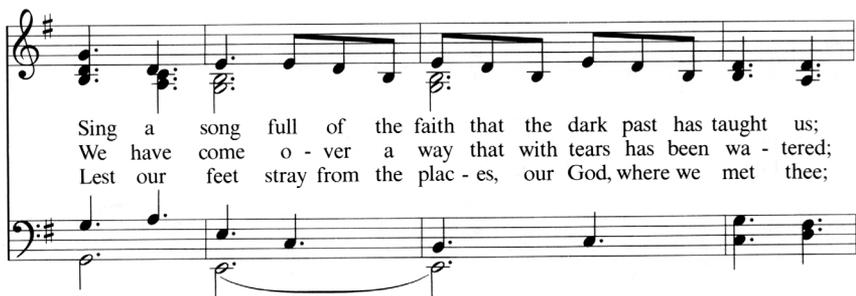
## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

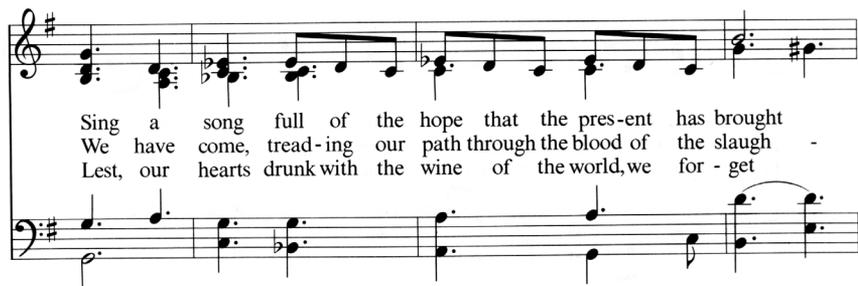
ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born - had  
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning  
 died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry  
 way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

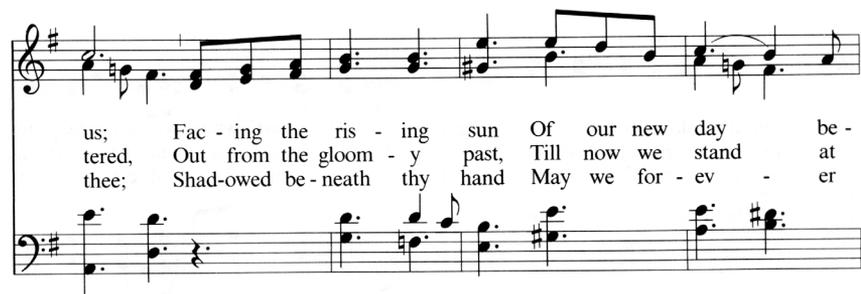
skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light: Keep us for - ey - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought  
We have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be -  
tered, Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at  
thee; Shad-owed be - neath thy hand May we for - ev - er



gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *God, Whose Almighty Word*