

# July 5, 2020

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*



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**SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER**  
*from With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *God of Our Fathers*

Instrumental Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" vs 1,4

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## My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the  
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that  
To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free-dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free-dom ring.  
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.  
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

## 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.

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

VIOLIN SOLO: *It Is Well*

Gretchen Perry

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

THE PSALM

*Psalm 13 (GNT)*

<sup>13</sup> How much longer will you forget me, LORD? Forever?

How much longer will you hide yourself from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I endure trouble?

How long will sorrow fill my heart day and night?

How long will my enemies triumph over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look at me, O LORD my God, and answer me.

Restore my strength; don't let me die.

<sup>4</sup> Don't let my enemies say, "We have defeated him."

Don't let them gloat over my downfall.

<sup>5</sup> I rely on your constant love;

I will be glad, because you will rescue me.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to you, O LORD,

because you have been good to me.

<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 man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>“But 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 Man 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows . . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,  
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

THE SERMON

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## Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

Nest-ling bird or star in heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, In his might - y arms he bears them.  
Un - to them his grace he show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

### 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



C (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

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

**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**

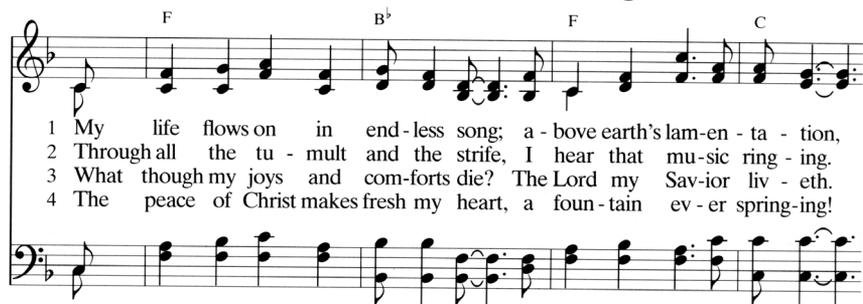
## THE BLESSING

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

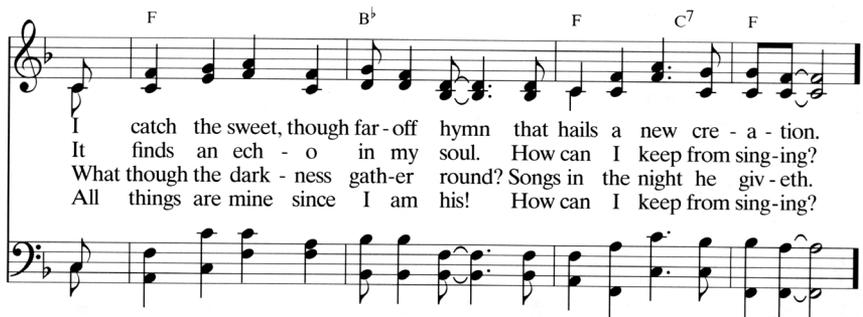
**Amen**

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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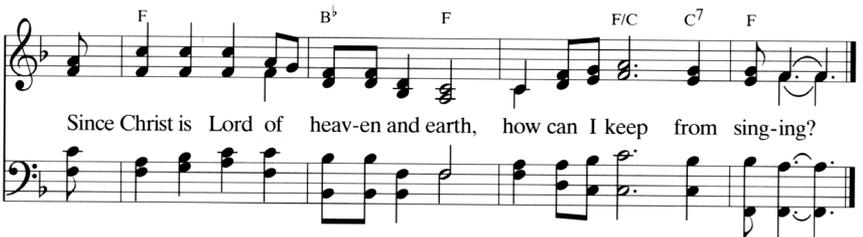
1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



*Refrain*  
 No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Promenade* from *Pictures at an Exhibition*