FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 785 We Praise You, O God

- We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
 When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us, And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
 With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

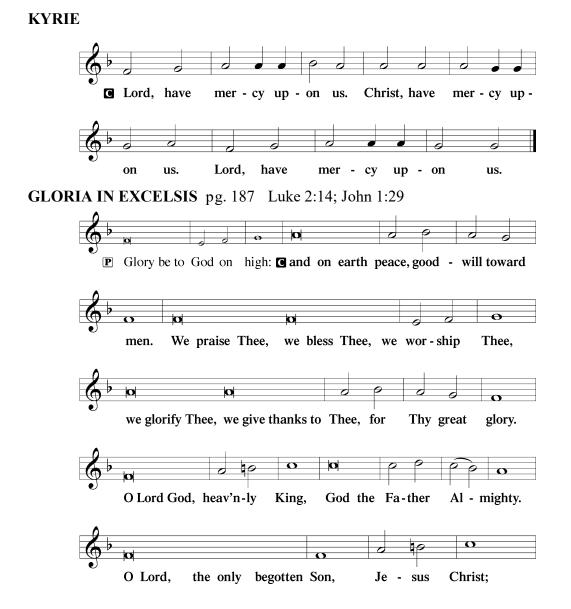
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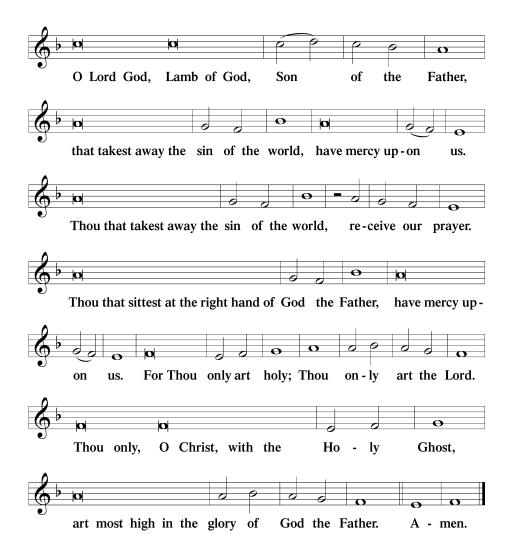
- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

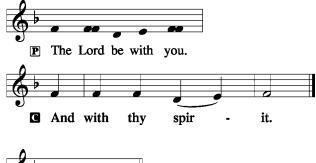
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY





P O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35: 4-7a (ESV pg. 595)

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146: 1-10 (ESV pg. 525) (spoken responsively)

- P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- C When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- P Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- C who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
- P who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- P The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE James 2: 1-10, 14-18 (ESV pg.1011)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it... What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have

works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the seventh chapter. (vs. 24-37 ESV



From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY 797 Praise the Almighty

- Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;
 With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath.
 From Him my life and all things came;
 Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.
 Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
 Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
- Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
 Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
 And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
 To all who trust in Him, our Lord
 Will aid and counsel now afford. Alleluia, alleluia!
- Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain; Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He will remain. He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia, alleluia!

5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

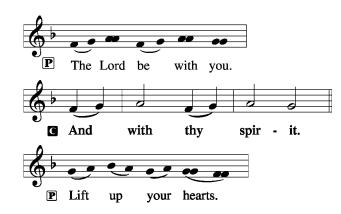
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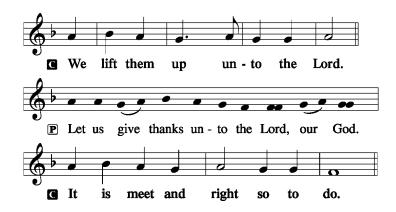


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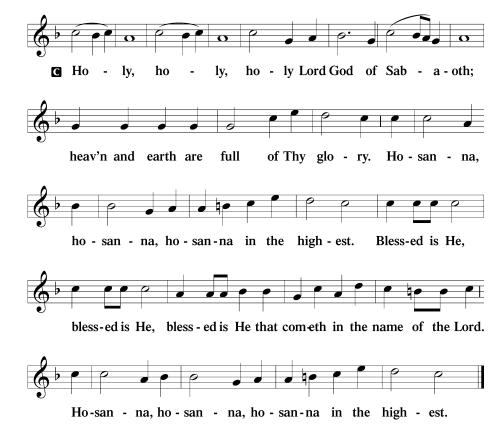
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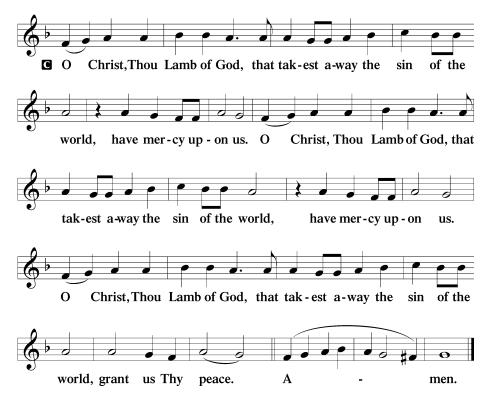
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

- Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
 Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
 Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
 Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation, Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness; Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness. Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

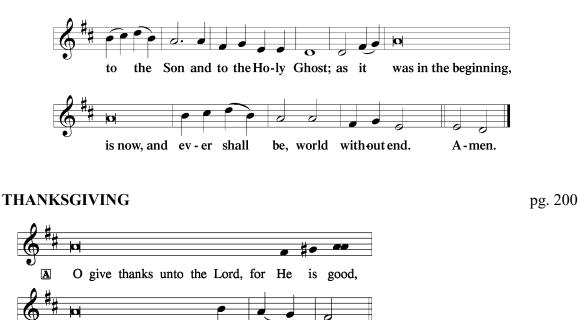
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DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.

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P Let us pray,

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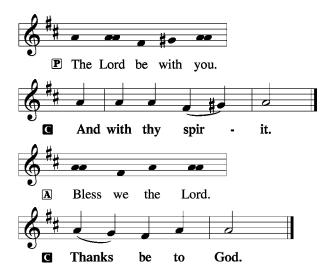
P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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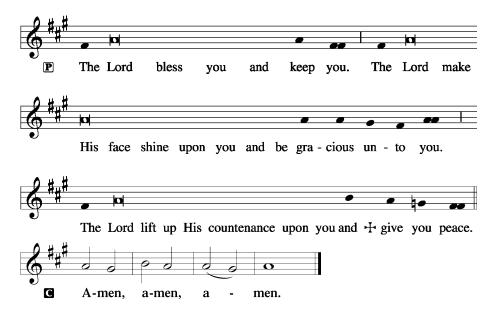


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BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

 Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
 O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

SILENT PRAYER

Next Week's Lessons 16th Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 50: 4-10 Psalm 116: 1-9 James 3: 1-12 Mark 9: 14-29

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