

July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)

Ministry of the Word



The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Hymn #344 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Psalm 117; paraphrase by Isaac Watts

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue:

alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord: eternal truth attends thy Word;

alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more:

alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the

Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Genesis 24:34–38

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

³⁴ So [the man] said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son . . . '

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:11-18

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;

forget your people and your father's house.

- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold.

- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
 - after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
 - you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Reading: Romans 7:15–25a

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #715 "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ [Jesus said,] "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon;' ¹⁹ 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."

²⁵ 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed page 188

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy, People Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to god,

People

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #380 "O Worship the King"

Text by Robert Grant

- O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to hymn thee above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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