
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

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P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

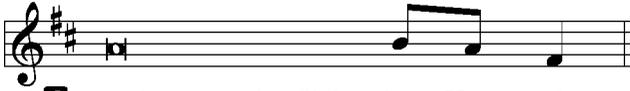
C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

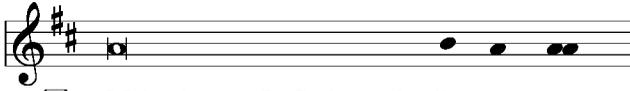
C: AMEN.



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

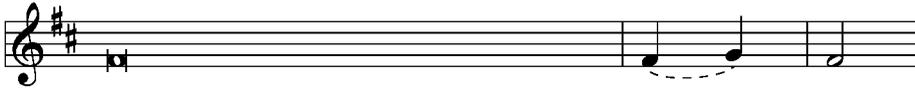
PSALMODY Venite *O Come, Let Us Sing*
Antiphon



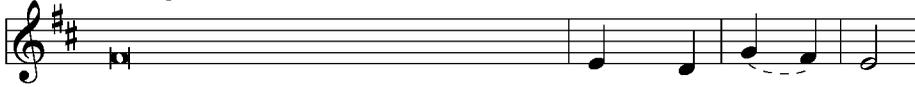
L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



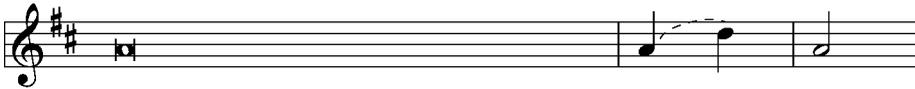
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



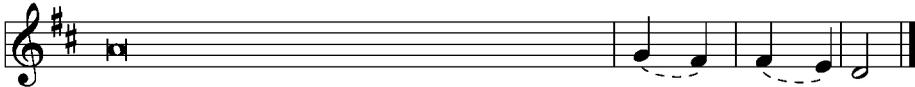
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.



- L** The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Second Psalm Psalm 103:1-12*(Sung responsively by verse)*

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless His | holy name!

BLESS THE LORD, | O MY SOUL,*

AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS | BENEFITS,

Who forgives all your in- | iquity,*

Who heals all your dis- | eases,

WHO REDEEMS YOUR LIFE | FROM THE PIT,*

WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND | MERCY,

Who satisfies | you with good*

so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

THE LORD WORKS | RIGHTEOUSNESS*

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL WHO | ARE OPPRESSED.

He made known His ways to | Moses,*

His acts to the people of | Israel.

THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND | GRACIOUS,*

SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN | STEADFAST LOVE.

He will not | always chide,*

nor will He keep His anger for- | ever.

HE DOES NOT DEAL WITH US ACCORDING | TO OUR SINS,*

NOR REPAY US ACCORDING TO OUR IN- | IQUITIES.

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*

so great is His steadfast love toward those who | fear Him;

AS FAR AS THE EAST IS | FROM THE WEST,*

SO FAR DOES HE REMOVE OUR TRANSGRES- | SIONS FROM US.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*

AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;

AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,*

IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
 2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
 as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
 freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
 sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day
 All I design or do or say
 That all my pow'rs with all their might
 In Thy sole glory may unite.
- 6 Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many

people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE

Matt. 6:14

P: Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses,

C: YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU. ALLELUIA.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹ Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**

²³ “**Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.** ²⁴ **When he began to settle, one was brought to him who**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



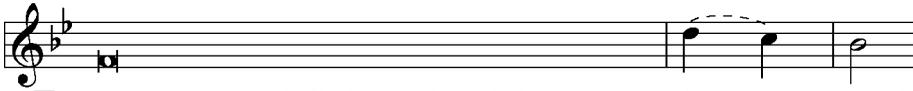
love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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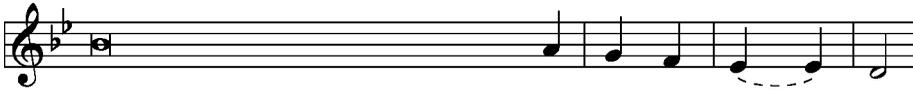
SERMON

CANTICLE Te Deum

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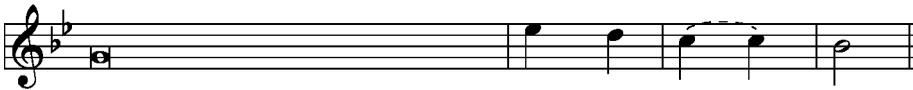
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



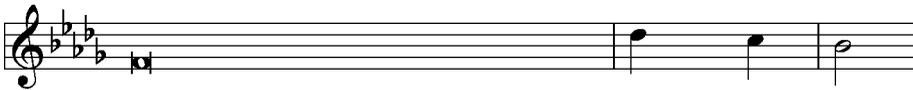
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



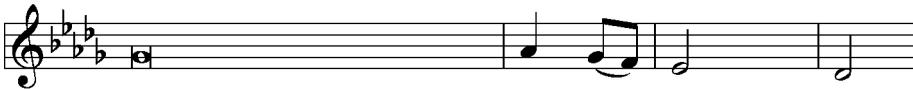
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



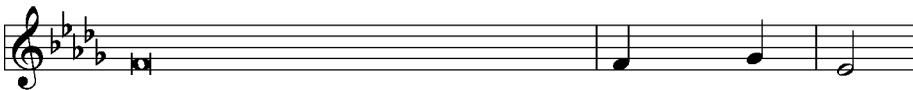
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er - man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



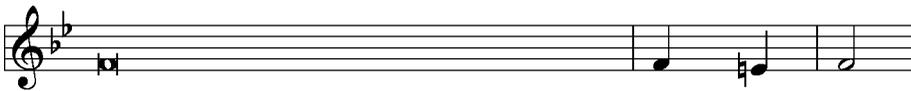
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be - our - judge.



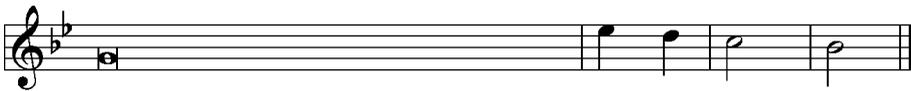
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out - sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on - us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

COLLECTS

P The Lord be with you.



G And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



G A - men.

Collect for Matins

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You.



G A - men.

During an Epidemic

P: Almighty God, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness.

**Collect for Grace**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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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BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

I Leave All Things to God's Direction

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1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

SILENT PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



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