

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

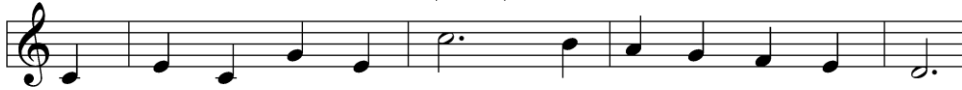
Sunday, July 13, 2025

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 102:18-22)

**P:** Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

**C:** that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth.

**P:** to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

**C:** that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise,

**All:** when the peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

# Confession

*Psalm 14:2-3*

**P** The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**C** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

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

# Absolution

*Psalm 103:8-14*

**P** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C** He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**P** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**C** For as the heavens are far above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**P** As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**C** For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. (*Psalm 130:7*)

**HYMN OF APPROACH** 956 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**[P]:** Lord Jesus, you have called us as your people to live lives of repentance, for your Kingdom is near to us, and you desire that all would be saved. In this world, we are weak and heavy-laden in our burdens, help us to turn to you again and again in faith, knowing that you have first turned your face to us through you death and resurrection, confident that you will give us rest.

Amen.

**[C] Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalms 51*

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy

blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words

and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,  
 and blot out all my iniquities.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from your presence,  
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
 and sinners will return to you.  
 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
 O God of my salvation,  
 and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
 O Lord, open my lips,  
 and my mouth will declare your praise.  
 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
 you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
 build up the walls of Jerusalem;  
 then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
 in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
 then bulls will be offered on your altar.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-10*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Between each petition:*

**P**: Lord in Your mercy,

**C**: Hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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## POSTLUDE

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