

FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO LIVE IN FREEDOM...USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13



Sunday July 5, 2020 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who made us, The one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. (Silence is kept for reflection)

Source of all life.

We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,

Willing to speak for what is right, Act for what is just,

And seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Sprit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

May 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.

Let us pray: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12 ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-14

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 - ⁹ The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
- 12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
 - and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
 - and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces 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."

Message

Song: Battle Hymn of the Republic 890

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! his truth is marching on.

- 1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on. *Ref.*
- 2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
 Our God is marching on. Ref.
- **3.** In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on. *Ref.*

Apostles Creed

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.

The Peace

Announcements

Prayers: each petition ends: Hear us, O God.

The response is: Your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
Grant you to live in harmony with one another,
In accordance with Christ Jesus.
And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be upon you all the days of your life.

Amen.

Hymn: "O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies" 888 Materna

1.O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; Support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

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