

5th Sunday after Pentecost
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Online Service



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Welcome to worship this midsummer day! May faith and hope grow in you, as crops and flowers and fruits ripen all around us these days.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Presider: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most Merciful God,

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

All: We confess to you 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. **Amen.**

Presider: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

PASTORAL GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant:

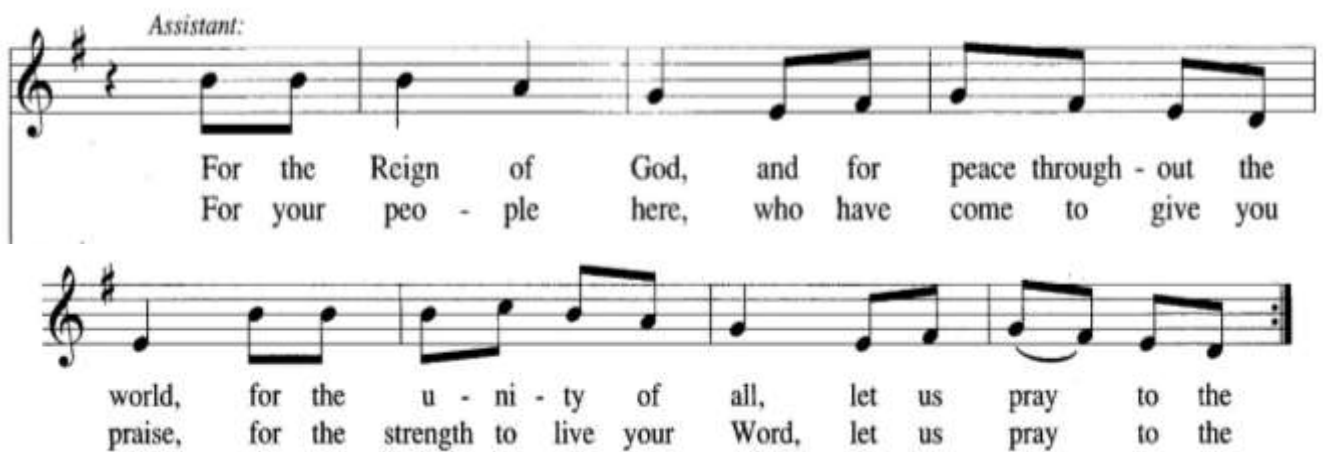


In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain:

Assistant: Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant:



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:

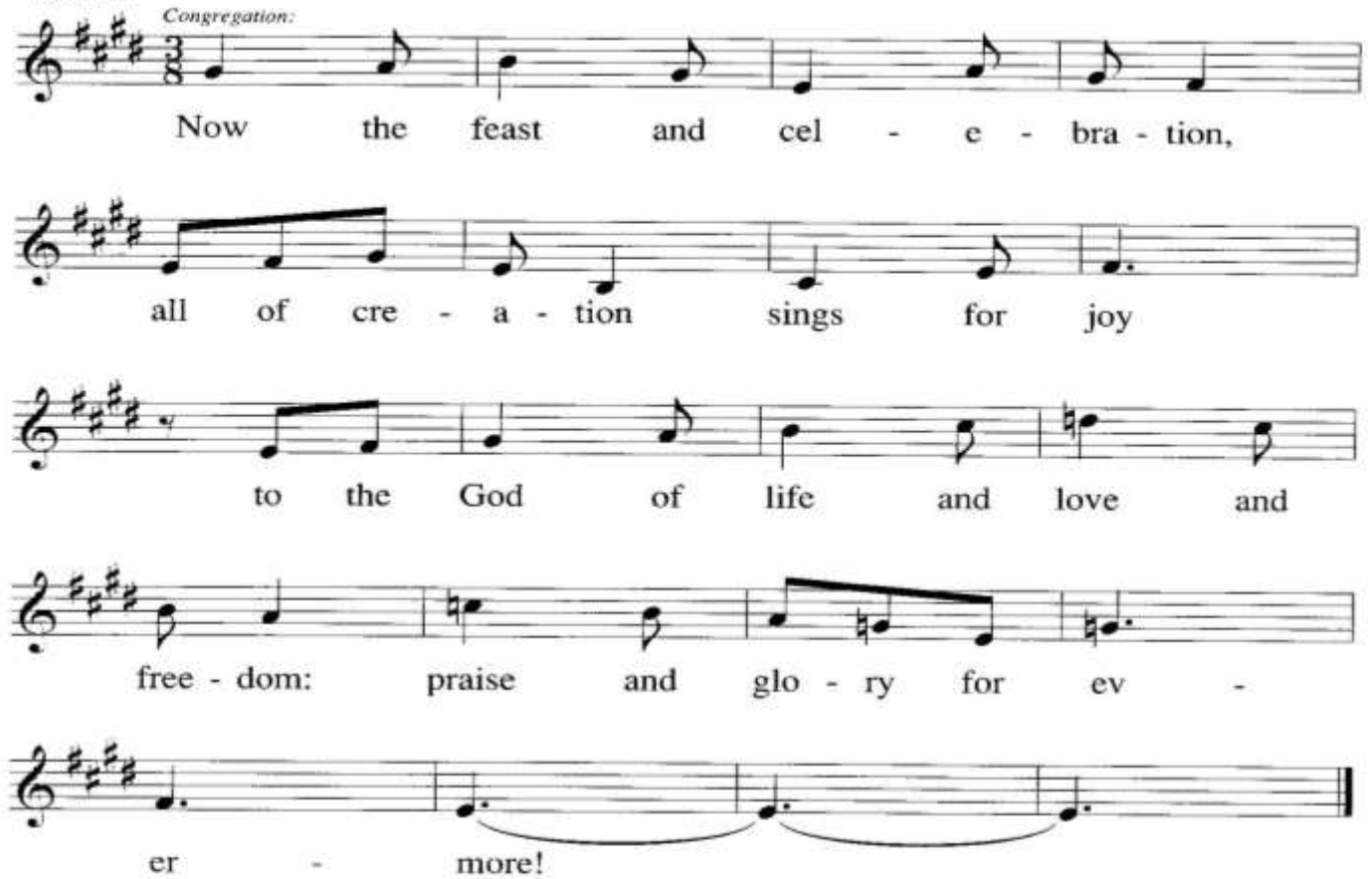


A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain


Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray..... God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

CHILDRENS SERMON

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

L: The First Lesson is from Zechariah the 9th chapter, beginning at the 9th verse:

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰He 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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-15

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹**The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**

¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹**They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

¹²that the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵**The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

L: The Second Lesson is from Romans the 7th chapter, beginning at the 15th verse:

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in

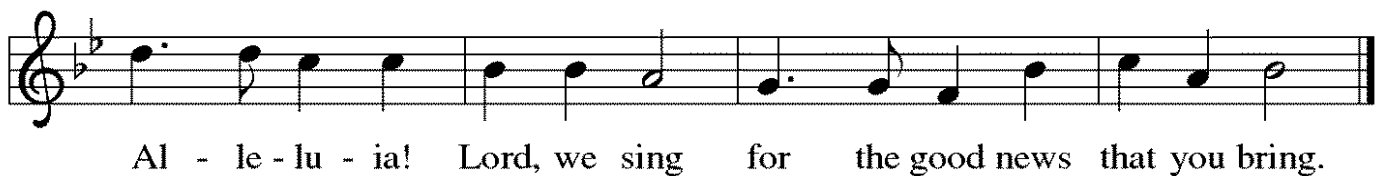
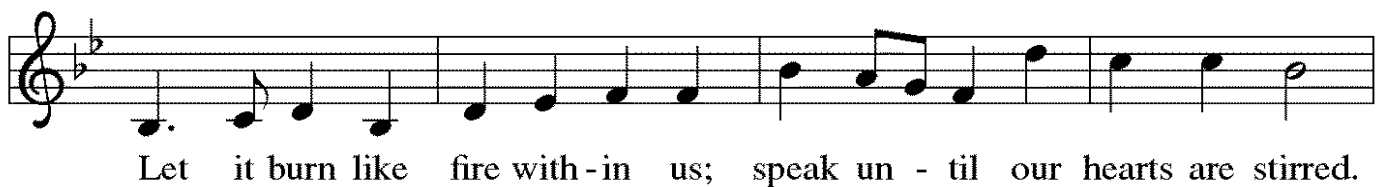
fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter, beginning at the 16th verse:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“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.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the 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.”

²⁵At 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; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All 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. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLE’S CREED

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed..... Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gracious God, watch over and care for all persons who serve in the military..... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace (hand shake or hug) using these or similar words – *God's peace be with you.*

OFFERING

Gathering of Offerings

Offertory

Presentation of our Gifts

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

President: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
you. *President:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We
President: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you. O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

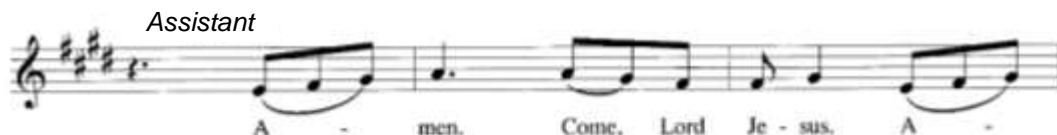
P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which has sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.


P: Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Assistant




A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:



men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord



Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Assistant




A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation:



men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly



Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Through' and ends with 'in the'. The second staff continues with 'u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is'. The third staff continues with 'yours, O God, now and for ev - er.' and ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff continues with 'A - men.' and ends with a double bar line.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome you to the Lord's Table to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. Holy Communion is served with both red wine and white grape juice. It is your choice to receive either one.

Empty cups may be placed in the bowl to the left or right as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION - Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us all:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Work That Restores

What kind of rest is Jesus promising when he says, “Come to me, all you that are weary” (Matt. 11:28)? It isn’t about a day off, though given Jesus’ faithfulness to the Jewish Torah, sabbath rest is surely part of his vision for human life. But Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me” (Matt. 11:29). These are words that mean work: a yoke is what you put on oxen so they can pull a plow. These words don’t sound like rest! But they invite us to do the work that really matters, instead of the work that only wearies our bodies and souls.

Jesus invites us to take on his teaching and his way of working for the kingdom. He is gracious to those who follow him in this labor. He does not put impossible tasks on people or reject people because they are not perfect. This is how he brings rest for weary souls. This is what makes his burden light.

Jesus also invites his followers to join him in doing the work that matters, the labor that satisfies: loving our neighbor, caring for the needy, seeking justice for those excluded, feeding the hungry, forgiving those who do harm, seeking liberation for people who are oppressed, teaching others that God is love for all. This is work that might make your body weary but will give life to your soul. This work might make you tired by the end of the day, but it is the kind of tired that feels satisfying and leads to good, restful sleep.

To follow Jesus is to find ourselves working for the things that matter to our hearts and to God. What a gift to follow such a gracious, gentle, and humble Lord.