

5th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship

Opening sentences

Jesus says: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.

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.'

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn LHS310 Out of the depths I cry to Thee

Confession and forgiveness

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us for all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. So may the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Amen.

Hymn LHS399 In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust

Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

I will extol you, my God and King (Ps 145:1a NRSV)

The Lord is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

All your works praise you, Lord;

your faithful people extol you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your might,

so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures through all generations.

I will extol you, my God and King

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises

and faithful in all he does.

The Lord upholds all who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

I will extol you, my God and King

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever more.

Amen.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

Graft in our hearts the love of your name, and increase our devotion;

nourish us with all goodness, and by your mercy preserve in us what you

have nourished; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

The First Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-12 The humble king

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 7:15-25a The struggle of the sinner- saint

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Jesus reveals the Father, and the weary find rest in him

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Jesus

Hymn LHS312 In Thee alone, O Christ, my Lord

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

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, dead and 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Hymn LHS306 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and 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.**

Prayer of the church

Heavenly Father, you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. We thank you for your daily forgiveness of our sins, and your guidance and love in every struggle we face. Open our eyes and ears to your presence in our daily lives; and open the eyes of our hearts to your Son through your word.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We thank you for your church, the body of your Son – in whom we receive grace and mercy. Bless and protect your church throughout the world so that all people may hear the gospel and be saved. Equip the leaders of our church. By your Holy Spirit enable them to carry out their callings with joy, strength and wisdom.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing. We thank you for ordering our country and society by means of our government and elected leaders. Bless those in positions of responsibility that they may willingly strive for truth and justice, and so be your instruments of care and protection.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Be with the people who live and work in the areas where there has been a resurgence of COVID-19, have mercy on them. Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions. Protect and guard all those who must travel.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Grant your healing and peace to all we know are unwell or undergoing medical treatment. Watch over them, give them confidence in your good and gracious will for them and guide the surgeons, doctors, nurses and other health professionals who care for them. Comfort those who are lonely and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Almighty and merciful Father, hear us, your children, as we bring our prayers to you. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 favour, † and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn LHS346 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go