

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus
“This is My Creed”



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Common Service with Communion

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OPENING HYMN

195 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

The choir will sing verse 2.

Choir

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -

might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in

song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

INVOCATION

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



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whitfield, 1865-1919.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord instructs Moses to apply a three part blessing to his people – each part reflecting the work of one person of the Trinity.

NUMBERS 6:22 The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ “ ‘ “The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” ’

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

PSALM 150

Adult choir

- 1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;
since you are God's servants and meet in his name,
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.
Halle! Hallelujah!*
- 2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,
and his is the power no force can restrain;
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.
Halle! Hallelujah!*
- 3. Where music is made, let rhythms abound:
let cymbals and drums add weight to the sound;
with dance that is graceful and words that are clear,
bring joy to the God you adore and revere.
Halle! Hallelujah!*
- 4. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.
Halle! Hallelujah!*

SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-5

Through Jesus Christ we have been justified and have peace with the Father, who pours his Spirit out into our hearts.

ROMANS 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



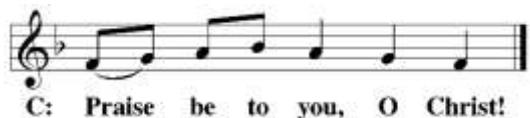
GOSPEL John 16:12-15

Jesus shares in all the things that belong to his Father. The Holy Spirit, in turn, takes what belongs to Jesus and shares it with us.

JOHN 16:12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

177 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
 2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
 3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
 4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
 5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from

hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
 gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
 love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
 bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
 both, as Three in One That we your name may

heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
 ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

SERMON

John 12:42-46

“I believe...”

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: 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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to live a perfect life and die in our stead, to pay the price for our sins in order to reconcile us to You. Grant us to live in daily contrition and repentance, not despairing over our sin, but ever mindful of the reconciliation Christ won for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving heavenly Father, look with mercy upon those who have been forced from their homes and seek refuge in our country. Let the love of Christ be evident in those who serve them, keep them safe from harm, and provide for their needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, guard and keep all who are sick, lonely, overwhelmed by grief or poor in spirit, [*especially _____,*] that they may be comforted and healed according to Your good and gracious will. Let them look to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, in their time of need, and remind them that He is the Light no darkness can overcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we come to Your table as servants who owe a debt we cannot pay. Thanks to Christ, that debt has been forgiven in its entirety. As we receive His very body and blood for our forgiveness, let us be ever grateful, that we may go out to serve others with that same spirit of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

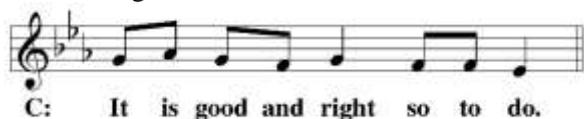
M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

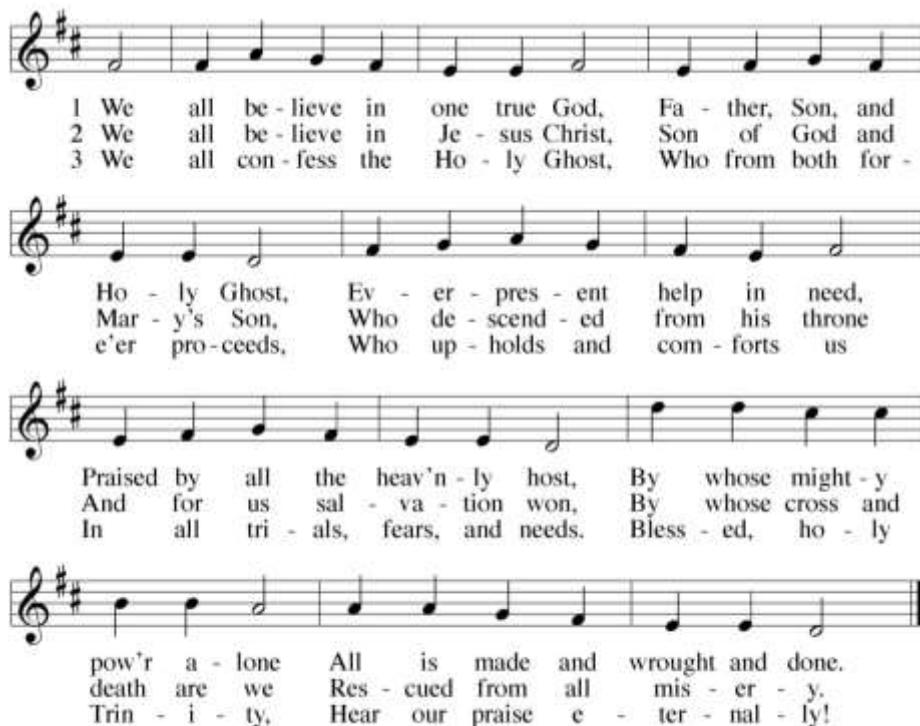
C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

270 – We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both for -

Ho - ly Ghost, Ev - er - pres - ent help in need,
Mar - y's Son, Who de - scend - ed from his throne
e'er pro - ceeds, Who up - holds and com - forts us

Praised by all the heav'n - ly host, By whose might - y
And for us sal - va - tion won, By whose cross and
In all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly

pow'r a - lone All is made and wrought and done.
death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Trin - i - ty, Hear our praise e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: WIR GLAUBEN ALL AN EINEN GOTT (87 77 77) *Neu-vernährtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

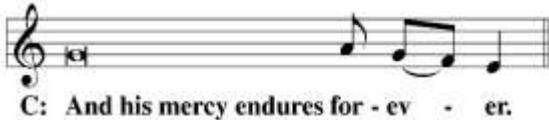
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

347 – Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be



1 Je - sus! and shall it ev - er be
 2 A - shamed of Je - sus? Just as soon
 3 A - shamed of Je - sus, that dear friend
 4 A - shamed of Je - sus? Yes, I may
 5 Till then— nor is my boast - ing vain—



A mor - tal man a - shamed of thee?
 Let mid - night be a - shamed of noon.
 On whom my hopes of heav'n de - pend?
 When I've no guilt to wash a - way,
 Till then I boast a Sav - ior slain;



A - shamed of thee, whom an - gels praise,
 'Tis mid - night with my soul till he,
 No; when I blush, be this my shame,
 No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
 And oh, may this my glo - ry be:



Whose glo - ries shine through end - less days?
 Bright Morn - ing Star, bids dark - ness flee.
 That I no more re - vere his name.
 No fear to quell, no soul to save.
 That Christ is not a - shamed of me.

Text: Joseph Grigg, c. 1722–68, abr.; altered by Benjamin Francis, 1734–99.
 Tune: FEDERAL STREET (LM) Henry K. Oliver, 1800–85.