

THE DIVINE SERVICE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Preparation

O Loving Lord, be near us in this time of worship. Open our ears to hear thy voice; open our eyes to behold thy glory; open our hearts to receive thy grace; open our lips to show forth thy praise, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Entrance Hymn #224 *(Standing)*

Greeting

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

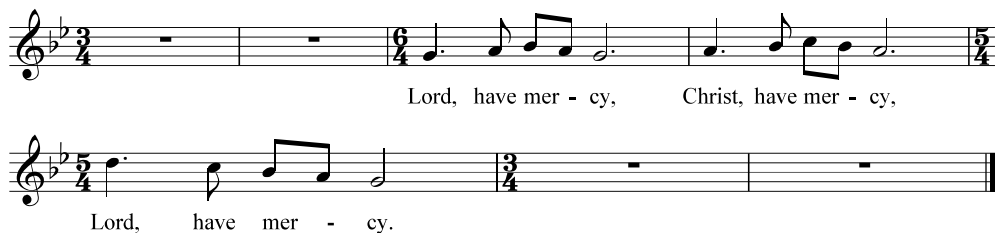
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Confession and Forgiveness *(Kneeling)*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most holy and merciful Father,

we acknowledge and confess before You, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering away from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But, O Lord, have pity upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Assurance of Pardon *(Kneeling)*

Hear the good news! This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

As you have confessed your sins through faith in Him, God the Father assures you that you are forgiven.

Hymn of Praise *(Standing)*

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Glo-ry to God in the high est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa- ther we wor - ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the

high est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ.

with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God, the Fa- ther A - men A - men

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

Prayer for Illumination *(Standing)*

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? ¹⁴Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, *also* the earth with all that *is* in it. ¹⁵The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it is* this day. ¹⁶Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. ¹⁷For the Lord your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. ¹⁸He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. ²¹He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. ²²Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm (*Standing*)

Psalm 1



Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and in his law will he exercise himself – day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside,
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither;
and look whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them;
but they are like the chaff which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment,
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous;
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 John 2:1-6

¹ My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

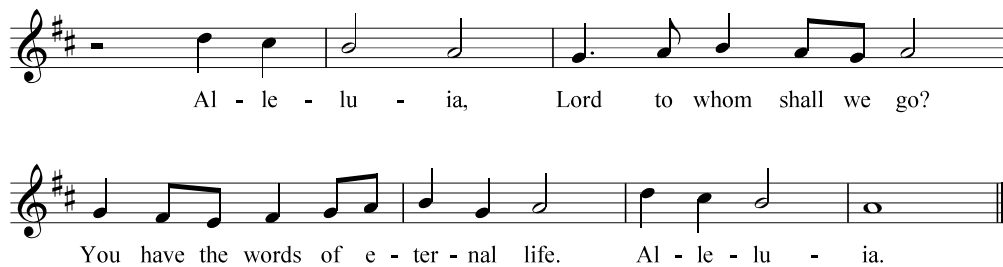
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #62 (*Standing*)

Gospel Lesson (*Standing*)

The Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 13:1-23



¹ On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. ⁶ But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. ⁸ But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

¹¹ He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

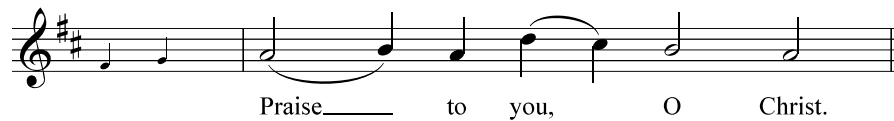
'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,
And seeing you will see and not perceive;
¹⁵ For the hearts of this people have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,
Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,

So that I should heal them.'

¹⁶ But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;¹⁷ for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

¹⁸ "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. ²⁰ But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²² Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³ But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon

The Seed Sown

Pastor Seth

Affirmation of Faith *(Standing)*

Cantor



I be - lieve in one God,

Congregation



the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of heav'n and earth, And of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble:



And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God;



Be - got - ten of his Fa - ther be - fore all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Ve - ry God of ve - ry God;



Be - got - ten, not made; Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther; By whom all things were made:



Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,



And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin, Ma - ry, And was made man:



And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; He suf - fer'd and was bur - ied:



And the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures:



And as - cen - ded in - to hea - ven, And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther:



And he shall come a - gain, with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose king - dom shall have no end.



And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord, and Giv - er of Life, Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son;



Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied; Who spake by the Proph - ets:



And I be - lieve one Cath - o - lic and Ap - os - tol - ic Church:



I ack - now - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins:



And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. A - men.

Prayers of the Church *(Standing)*

Silent Prayer,

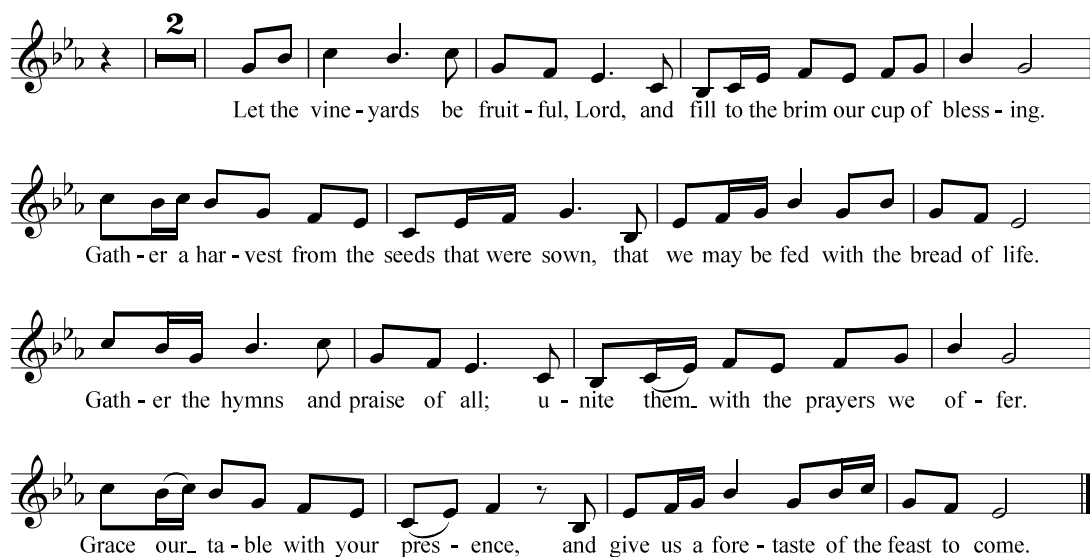
Pastoral Prayer,

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings *(Standing)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.

Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hymns and praise of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer.

Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We have lifted them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right that we should at all times give thanks unto You, O Lord, our heavenly Father, for You did create the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; You did make man in Your own image and your tender mercies are over all Your works. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore Your glorious name, evermore praising You—



Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly, Lord, God of

pow - er, God of might, hea - ven and earth are full of your

glo - ry _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est _____ Bless - ed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho san - na

in the high - est, _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and gave thanks.

Prayer

When He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In like manner also He took the cup after supper, and gave thanks.

Prayer

When He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Invitation and Participation

Come in the faith you have professed; come in joyous thanksgiving and partake of the feast which God has set for you; come to the table of our Lord.

*All baptized members of Christ's Church are invited to participate.
Please come forward to receive the bread and wine, and wait until all are served to partake.*

Let us eat and drink together from the food which God has graciously given to nourish and sustain us in the faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Standing)*



Lord now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled. My own eyes have
seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple; A light to re -
veal you to the na - tions and the glo-ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry to the
Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be -
gin-ning, is now and will be for - ev - er, A - men.

Hymn: #219 (*Standing*)

Benediction (*Standing*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

