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## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

Deep River

Robert M. Thompson

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

Hymnal p. 548

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.

**Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.**

**Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.**

**For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For the blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.**

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## **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

**P:** Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

**P:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us**

true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: Yes, so I believe.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained 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.

C: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 794

### The Lord, My God, Be Praised

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my Life from heaven;  
My Maker, who to me has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support in sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever living,  
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised in whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

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## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry, Your Son, Jesus, healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22–33

L: The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter three of Lamentations.

*Because the Lord's steadfast love never ceases, we can hope for an end to current grief.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 30

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,

**C: and give thanks to His holy name.**

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**C: You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

P: that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent.

**C: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,

**C: and give thanks to His holy name.**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

L: The second reading is from chapter eight of 2 Corinthians.

*Encouragement to share monetary blessings*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21–43

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Mark, chapter five

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

*Jesus heals a woman and raises Jairus's daughter.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>

**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, died and was 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

Hymnal p. 461

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives my everliving head!  
He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above;  
He lives to rule His Church in love.  
He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.  
He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.  
He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.  
He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me in the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.  
He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.  
He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

### VERSE

**Lord of All Good**

Hymnal p. 786 st. 1

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Hymnal p. 809

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

***(Refrain)* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)***

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## POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Kingsfold"

Douglas E. Wagner

<sup>1</sup>The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: “Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God’s commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.” (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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