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## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Stephen Burtonwood

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

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

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, Help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. *Repeat.*

Text: Bob Cull CCCLI # 185292

## 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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made Heaven and Earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(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: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Hymnal p.186

**P:** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**A:** *(sung)* **Lord, have mercy upon us;**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us;**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Hymnal p. 187

**P:** Glory be to God on high,

**C:** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee,**

**we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,**

**we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,**

**receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

## FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15–21

L: The first reading for the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter fifty of Genesis.

*At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Hymnal p. 814

**O Bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!**

**'Tis He forgives the sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.**

**He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.**

**His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.**

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L: The second reading is from chapter fourteen of Romans.

*If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please rise)*

P: Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**A: (sung) Alleluia.**

*1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:21–35

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter eighteen.

**C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*Jesus teaches us about forgiveness.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (sung) Praise be to Thee, 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**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Hymnal p. 549

## **SERMON<sup>3</sup>**

## **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**

**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: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sung) And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Lift High the Cross**

Hymnal p. 837

## POSTLUDE

**Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

Kevin Uppercue

<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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