

It is not what
goes into you . . .
It's what comes
out . . . *Jesus*



September 5th 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.



Pentecost 15

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

prelude

Entrance hymn

[tune : 691]

1. In your great name, O Lord, we come,
To worship at your feet;
Oh, may your Holy Spirit rest
Upon us as we meet.
2. We come to hear our Jesus speak,
To hear our Saviour's voice:
Your face and favor, Lord, we seek,
Now make our hearts rejoice.
3. Teach us to pray and praise, and hear,
And understand your word;
To feel your blissful presence near,
And trust our living Lord.

4. Here let your power and grace be felt;
your love and mercy known;
Our icy hearts, dear Jesus, melt,
And break this flinty stone.

5. Let sinners, Lord, your goodness prove,
And saints rejoice in Thee;
Let rebels be subdued by love,
And to the Saviour flee.

6. This house with grace and glory fill,
This congregation bless;
your great salvation now reveal,
your glorious righteousness.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

*A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth
forevermore.*

**C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of
the Lord is to be praised.**

*A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the
Most High.*

**C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his
faithfulness at the close of the day.**

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

**C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Heaven Father, your Son spoke and acted in obedience and love: obedience to your word and commands, and love for your people and your creation. Fill us with the Spirit, that we will echo His example in our words and deeds of obedience and love, as well, that our troubled world can find hope and healing. Amen.

First Lesson

ISAIAH 35:4-7

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, Ó my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

*When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.*

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

*Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;*

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

*The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;*

**The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
wicked.**

*The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!*

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

The author writes: . . . Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Verse

886 vs. 1, 4-6

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

matthew 25:31-46

And calling together the crowd again, Jesus said, "Listen! to me, all of you, and understand! There is nothing outside a person that entering them has the power to make them "unclean," but the things that are coming out of the man are defiling the man."

And when he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.

And Jesus said to them, "And are you without understanding? You do not understand that all that is outside, going in, has no power to make one "unclean" since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer.?"

But Jesus said, "It is what is outside the person, what is coming out from them, that makes one "unclean." For, it is from within, out of the person's heart that come the pointless reasonings, the evil, unhealthy relationships, taking for the self what belongs to the other, disregarding the well-being of another, betraying the trust of another, the thought that my life would be better if I only had what they have, just outright meanness, lies, abusive sexuality, the thought that my life would be better if I was more like they are , speaking what is not true about God, wrongly thinking too highly of myself, acting like I know something about what I am doing and saying when I really do not. All these evil things come from within, and they make us 'unclean.'"

But rising from there he departed into the region of Tyre. *Jesus tried to enter a house secretly, but he could not escape notice.*

Instead, a woman who had been hearing about him, whose little daughter was afflicted by an unclean spirit, immediately came toward him and prostrated herself at his feet. The woman was a

Greek, a Syrophenician by race, and she asked him to throw the demon out of her little daughter.

And *Jesus* said to her, "Get up! The children are to be fed first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

But she answered him and said, "Lord, even the little dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

And he said to her, "Because of this word, depart!--the demon has gone out of your little daughter."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

hymn of the **Day** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* 772

Creed

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PRAYERS of the Church & PASSING of the Peace

Offering & Offertory

845 Vs. 1 & 5

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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Distribution Hymns

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Strengthen for Service, Lord

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1. Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken.
2. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessèd hope perceiving.
3. The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.

Dismissal



Sunday Sept 12

Coat Drive for St. Mary Food Pantry
Choir Rehearsal @ 9:45 a.m.
1st Communion Class @ Noon



Monday Sept 13

Worship & Music Committee @ 3:00 p.m.
Book Club Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 14

Bible Study & Breakfast @ 6:30 a.m.
Bible Study In-person @ 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study Online @ 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Family Worship & Family Sunday School

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:45–10:45 A.M.



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