

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020



In Our Separation *God draws near*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*You are invited to bring a bowl of water into your sacred space
as we remember our Baptismal unity.*



Gathering Music

Softly and Tenderly

Greeting

As we gather from our separate locations, let us join together in worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

As a remembrance of your baptism into the community of God's people of all times and all places, dip your finger into your bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

Confession & Forgiveness

Trusting in the promise of God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we have seen the injustice in our world more clearly. The marginalized and invisible among us have been brought to our attention in vivid and shocking ways.

We confess our part in the suffering of the world. For not always loving our neighbors as you have commanded us. For not always having empathy for the suffering of others. For not always sharing our wealth with those who have little.

We ask that you draw near to us in our time of uncertainty. Forgive us our failure to live as your witness in the world. Forgive us our failure to love and support those in need. Forgive us our failure to care for your world.

Through the abundance of God's grace, you are forgiven of all your sin. Through the example of Jesus, you are given a model of love. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are revitalized to serve. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Red ELW 412 vv. 1, 4

**Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**

**Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 7:15-25a.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Gospel Acclamation

**Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
O Comforter and Friend, How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

(Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:)] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. O Christ.**

Message

Song

We Are All One in Mission

Red ELW 576 vv. 1,2

**We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called to service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

The Spirit Intercedes for Us

Red ELW 180

Sung before prayers

***The Spirit intercedes for us
with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh***

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Blessing & Sending

In our separation, may the God who draws near bless you with:
Peace for trembling hearts,
Strength for weary souls,
And Love for all life.

The God who draws near calls us together to follow.
Siblings in Christ, follow God who draws us near to love and care for the poor.
Together with God and one another, we will follow.

Sending Song

Welcome Table

**I'm a gonna eat at the welcome table
I'm a gonna eat at the welcome table
One of these days.**

**I'm a gonna eat at the welcome table
Eat at the welcome table one of these days,
One of these days**

**I'm a gonna feast on milk and honey
I'm a gonna feast on milk and honey,
One of these days
I'm a gonna feast on milk and honey
Gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days**

**I'm a gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river
I'm a gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river,
One of these days
I'm a gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river
Gonna wade cross Jordan river one of these days, One of these days.**

**All of God's children gonna sit together
All of God's children gonna sit together
One of these days
All of God's Children gonna sit together
All of God's Children gonna sit together
One of these days, one of these days**

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

America the Beautiful



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Assisting Minister: Eric Kurtz
- Reader: Kathy Irwin, Paul Thomas
- Musicians: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
Postlude: Dana Anderson