

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 West Anderson Lane - Austin Texas

PENTECOST 5

July 5, 2020



*“Called by Grace, Led by Faith,  
Welcoming All to Share God’s Love”*



10:30 AM ZOOM PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS/EUCHARIST

11:30 AM FACEBOOK PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS/EUCHARIST

## GETHSEMANE MEMORIAL PIPE ORGAN PRELUDE

P: We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our baptism into the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SIN *(Congregation Remains Seated)*

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen**

## THE ABSOLUTION *(Congregation Stands)*

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Greet one another)*

GATHERING HYMN **“This Is My Song”** (vs. 1 & 2) ELW 887

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **“Let the Whole Creation Cry”** (vs. 1 & 3) ELW 876

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” Vocal Solo

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice 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. He 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. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

GLORIA PATRI

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **C: Amen.**

SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but 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. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**



PENTECOST

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Congregation Stands)* (vs. 3) ELW 887

**“This Is My Song”**

HOLY GOSPEL ANNOUNCED

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinner!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At 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; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All 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. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

HOLY GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Lord of All Hopefulness”** ELW 765

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE BAPTIZED COMMUNITY

P: Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

CONSECRATION OF BREAD AND WINE

LORD’S PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION/OFFERING **“Here Is Bread”**

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”** ELW 888

SILENT PRAYERS, THE SENDING FORTH

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

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and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

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I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

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<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but 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. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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What kind of rest is Jesus promising when he says, "Come to me, all you that are weary" (Matt. 11:28)? It isn't about a day off, though given Jesus' faithfulness to the Jewish Torah, sabbath rest is surely part of his vision for human life. But Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me" (Matt. 11:29). These are words that mean work: a yoke is what you put on oxen so they can pull a plow. These words don't sound like rest! But they invite us to do the work that really matters, instead of the work that only wearies our bodies and souls.

Jesus invites us to take on his teaching and his way of working for the kingdom. He is gracious to those who follow him in this labor. He does not put impossible tasks on people or reject people because they are not perfect. This is how he brings rest for weary souls. This is what makes his burden light.

Jesus also invites his followers to join him in doing the work that matters, the labor that satisfies: loving our neighbor, caring for the needy, seeking justice for those excluded, feeding the hungry, forgiving those who do harm, seeking liberation for people who are oppressed, teaching others that God is love for all. This is work that might make your body weary but will give life to your soul. This work might make you tired by the end of the day, but it is the kind of tired that feels satisfying and leads to good, restful sleep.

To follow Jesus is to find ourselves working for the things that matter to our hearts and to God. What a gift to follow such a gracious, gentle, and humble Lord.

*Gospel, continued*

<sup>25</sup>At 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; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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.

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

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