



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

13 September 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD [PART ONE]
COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT [PART TWO]

Prelude

Opening Hymn 637 “How Firm a Foundation”

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. . . .
- 5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Opening Sentences

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo. (metrical version)*

- 1 Glory to God on high And peace to all on earth;
Lord God, almighty Father, King, We praise you for your worth.
- 2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, You take our sin away;
Now seated at the Father's side, Have mercy when we pray.
- 3 You are the Holy One, Most High, Lord Christ, alone,
You and the Holy Spirit with The Father on the throne.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is prayed.

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Genesis. [Genesis 50:15-21] The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 103:8-13 *read in unison*

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans. [Romans 14:1-12] The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 789 [WLP] “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
Refrain: With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. *[Refrain]* . . .
- 4 Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. *[Refrain]*
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. *[Refrain]*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Matthew 18:21-35] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Leader concludes each petition: We pray to you, O Lord.

*And the People respond: **And bid you abide with us.***

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Blessing

The God of grace who has called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing ...

Closing Hymn 671 "Amazing Grace"

- 1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 4 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Please join us at 11 o'clock today in the back parking lot for the Prayer of Consecration and the distribution of Holy Communion. If you are unable to join us, an act of Spiritual Communion may be found at messiahmb.org under the "Library" or "Online Worship" tab.

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