

April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

All Creatures Of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him alleluia Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along O praise Him alleluia Thou rising moon in praise rejoice Ye lights of evening find a voice O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him alleluia Praise praise the Father praise the Son And praise the Spirit three in One O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia alleluia

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The Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law and Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Broken Vessels

All these pieces Broken and scattered In mercy gathered Mended and whole Empty handed But not forsaken I've been set free I've been set free

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me Oh I once was lost But now I am found Was blind but now I see

Oh I can see You now Oh I can see the love in Your eyes Laying Yourself down Raising up the broken to life You take our failure You take our weakness You set Your treasure In jars of clay So take this heart Lord I'll be Your yessel The world to see Your life in me

(chorus)

The Epistle: Galatians, Chapter 5 (see Booklet)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Mark (7:14-23)

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord. Glory to you, Lord Christ!

Sermon: Walking in the Freedom of the Spirit - Pastor Steve Noll

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." [Add particular petitions silently or aloud before "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."]

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Martyn, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for Our Pastor-Elect

We thank you, O heavenly Father, for having guided our church in the search for a new pastor. We pray for the Diocese as it concludes the search process. We pray for Ethan and Natasha and Briar as they prepare to leave their home and congregation in Rwanda. We pray that you will open doors for them to travel to Pittsburgh and find a home. Above all, we pray that you will by your Spirit prepare our hearts to receive them with joy, thanksgiving and expectation, that together we may be a witness in our community and beyond. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God we confess 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name; through Christ our Lord.

The Peace, Announcements, and Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

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Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: (sung) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (together)

Holy Communion

(We invite baptized believers to share the Table with us. You may ask the Priest for bread only or gluten free bread. Cross your arms if you wish only a blessing)

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees Oh Spirit come make us humble We turn our eyes from evil things Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another And oh God let us be a generation that seeks

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King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

(chorus)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

All of our problems: We send to the cross of Christ All of our difficulties: We send to the cross of Christ All of the devil's works: We send to the cross of Christ And all of our hopes: We set on the risen Lord!

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!