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## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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### **Preparing for Worship**

As you prepare for God's action in your life today, set aside the busy-ness and distractions of your everyday routine. We invite you to

- in your Bible or Hymnal, read through today's appointed psalm: **PSALM 145:1-14**
- Review today's Scripture readings in the bulletin
- Focus on the Lord in prayer. Sample prayers are on the inside front cover of the hymnal, or feel free to use our usual pre-service prayer:

#### **Prayer before Worship**

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

*Please feel free to participate further in this modified service  
by reading aloud the lines in bold marked for congregational participation*

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

P By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to forsake our own way and be given Christ's righteousness to save us. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.*

P Merciful God,

C **I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"**

## Declaration of Grace

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

# † Service of the Word †

## Introit

*Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD,

C **“My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C **the Most High, who is my refuge—**

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C **no plague come near your tent.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

## Kyrie

P O Lord,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days.

C **Be our strength and support through all the wearisome changes of this world,**

P and at life's end grant us Your promised rest

C **and the full joys of Your salvation;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 7:14-25a*

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:25-30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <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.

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

**Sermon****“Tired Self Refreshed”***Matthew 11:25-30***Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church****Lord's Prayer**

**P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**C 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.**

**Closing Collect**

**P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You give us pardon and peace in our Savior, Jesus.**

**C** Now rested and refreshed, lead us today and every day to serve  
You with all that we are and have, and bring Your invitation of rest  
to all whom we meet;

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A - men.

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| <b>Closing Hymn</b> | <b>“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”</b> | <b>LSB 924</b> |
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## **Sending**

**P** Go in Peace; serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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