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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 1, 2024

**Opening Hymn #231**

***We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost***

1. We now implore the Holy Ghost  
For the true faith, which we need the most,  
That in our last moments He may befriend us  
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.  
Lord, have mercy.
  
2. Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,  
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,  
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath bought us.  
Who again to our homeland hath brought us.  
Lord, have mercy.
  
3. Thou sacred Love, grace on us bestow,  
Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Of one mind, in peace with every brother.  
Lord, have mercy!
  
4. Thou highest Comfort in every need,  
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,  
That e'en then our courage may never fail us  
When the Foe shall accuse and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!

## Invocation

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Confession & Absolution

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

**C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## The Kyrie

**C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C ♪: And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The First Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. . . .<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

**Psalm of the Day – Psalm 119:129-136**  
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*Antiphon – Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Great are the works of the Lord.*

129 Your testimonies are | wonderful;\*  
**therefore my soul | keeps them.**

130 The unfolding of your | words gives light;\*  
**it imparts understanding to the | simple.**

131 I open my | mouth and pant,\*  
**because I long for your com- | mandments.**

132 Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
**as is your way with those who | love your name.**

133 Keep steady my steps according to your | promise,\*  
**and let no iniquity get dominion | over me.**

134 Redeem me from man's op- | pression,\*  
**that I may keep your | precepts.**

135 Make your face shine upon your | servant,\*  
**and teach me your | statutes.**

136 My eyes shed | streams of tears,\*  
**because people do not | keep your law.**

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

*Antiphon – Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Great are the works of the Lord.*

**The Second Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present

darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

### **Verse of the Day – Matthew 5:8**

Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel Reading – Mark 7:14-23**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride,

foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## **Confession of Faith** ***The Nicene Creed***

***P & C:*** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day #151 (v. 1-3, 7)**

#### ***Christ, the Life of All the Living***

1. Christ, the Life of all the living,  
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe,--  
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit

I eternal life inherit:

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!

Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

**Sermon Text – Mark 7:14-23**

**Sermon**

***We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God***

**Offertory**

***C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

## **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of Your commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us. Direct us always with Your Word of truth.

**1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;**

**My soul, believe and doubt it not.**

**Why stagger at this word of promise?**

**Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?**

**No! Then this word must true remain;**

**By grace you too will life obtain.**

P: Holy Father, we thank You that Christ has given His body and blood into death for our forgiveness. Bless us as we receive this same body and blood in His Holy Sacrament, remembering and proclaiming with joy the salvation He accomplished for us in His death and resurrection.

**2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;**

**Our works and conduct have no worth.**

**God in His love sent our Redeemer,**

**Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;**

**His death did for our sins atone,**

**And we are saved by grace alone.**



P: God of all knowledge and wisdom, grant us to know You and Your love. Bless pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all teachers of the faith, that we may grow up into You.

**3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.**

P: Remember, kind Father, the preachers of Your Word. Keep them from adding to it or taking from it. Give them grace to proclaim Your whole counsel in Christ Jesus. Raise up new laborers for Your harvest fields, and prosper Your Law and promises throughout the world.

**4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
So long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace--grace through His Son.**

P: Almighty God, look with compassion on our nation and all who bear public office. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Destroy and hinder in our common life whatever is not pleasing to You, and bless and prosper whatever accords with Your will.

**5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?**

P: Lord of life, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today [*including*

\_\_\_\_\_]. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain.

**6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer You our thanks and praise for Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to the unspeakable joys of Your new heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Communion Liturgy**

*P: The Lord be with you:*

**C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.**

*P: Lift up your hearts:*

**C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:*

**C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:*

### **The Sanctus**

**C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*P: 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;*

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The Agnus Dei**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

### **The Distribution**

### **The Nunc Dimittis**

**C ♪: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, According to Thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles**

**And the Glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

### **The Thanksgiving**

*P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:*

**C ♪: And His mercy endureth forever.**

### **The Benediction**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #45**

#### ***Now, the Hour of Worship O'er***

1. Now, the hour of worship o'er,  
Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,  
Let us gladly God adore,  
For His Word our praises bringing;  
For the rich repast He gave us  
Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.

2. Now the Blessing cheers our heart,  
By His grace to us extended.  
Let us joyfully depart;  
Be our souls to God commended.  
May His Spirit ever guide us  
And with all good gifts provide us!

3. Bless our going out, we pray,  
Bless our entrance in like measure;

Bless our bread, O Lord, each day,  
Bless our toil, our rest, our pleasure;  
Bless us when we reach death's portal,  
Bless us then with life immortal.

### **Silent Prayer**

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