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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 10

Sunday, July 13, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop The Reverend Candice B. Frazer, Rector The Reverend Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

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Becky Taylor
Lector: Mark Bullock
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Wren Mielke, Penelope Daniel

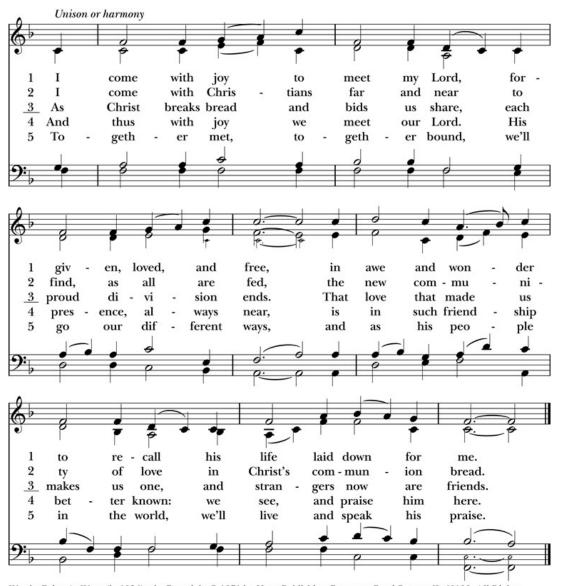
Vestry Greeter: April McKay,
Barrett Austin
AV Crew: Jason Pate, Camera
Altar Guild: Patty McDonald,
Stacia Bailey
Flower Guild: Cara Coreal
Ushers: Scott Bowman,
Brett Hall

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *Improvisation on "Sharpthorne"*

Introit The Church of Christ in every age (V. Griffiths)

Hymn **304** *I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)*



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THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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*.

Song of Praise S280 Glory to God in the highest (R. Powell)



The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

A reading from the prophet Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9 Ad te, Domine, levavi

William Russell (1777–1813)



1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trust in / you; *

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my / ene- • mies / tri - umph / over me.

2 Let none who look to you be / put to / shame; * let the treacherous be disap- / point- ed / in their / schemes.

3 Show me your / ways, O / Lord, * and / **teach** / me your / paths.

4 Lead me in your / truth and / teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I / trusted all • the / day / long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your com-/passion • and / love, * for / they are • from / ev - er-/lasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and / my trans - /gressions; * remember me according to your love and for the / sake of • your / goodness, • O / Lord.

- 7 Gracious and / upright is the / Lord; * therefore he teaches / sin ners / in his / way.
- 8 He guides the humble in / do ing / right * and teaches his / way / to the / lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are / love and / faithfulness * to those who keep his / coven- ant / and his / testimonies.

THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

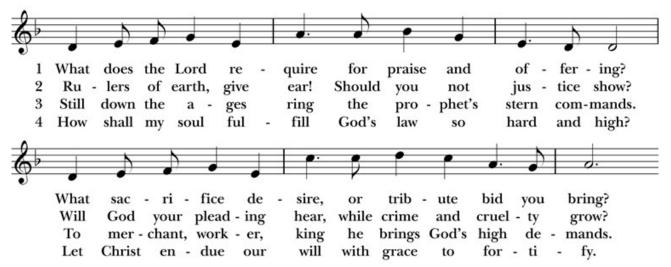
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

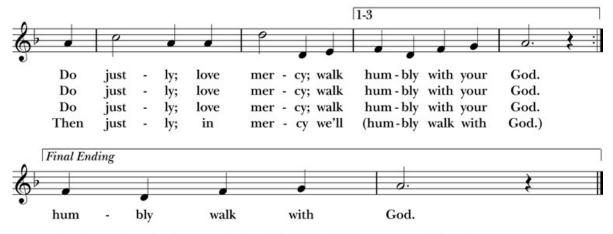
In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE ANTHEM 605 What does the Lord require (Sharpthorne)





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THE GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the inn-keeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Candice B. Frazer

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the discernment for the next Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Glenda and Brian, our Bishops; and for Candice and Drew our clergy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; <u>for Donald, our President; for Kay, our Governor;</u> <u>for Steven, our mayor;</u> and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask for your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; We pray especially Paul, Chris, Kenneth, Bob, Brittney, Debbie, Violet and Family, Andi, Janet, George, Ann, Tad, Ann, Sue &

Bill, Betty, Sophie, Edith, Hugh, Marion, Ginny, Lila, Bruce, Anne, George Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed <u>and those in whose memory the altar flowers are given Jack Humphrey,</u> Ruth Hughes Humphrey, Harold Bowman Blach, pray for those who have died.

Silence

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For the Ascension Day School; for the capital campaign, The Way, The Truth, and the Life.

Silence

We pray for the discernment of the 13th bishop of Alabama:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for the Diocese of Alabama, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

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 we 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. *Amen*.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

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Offertory Anthem In All These You Welcomed Me (W. B. Roberts)

Trav'lers child laid in a manger, refugee to Egypt bound, Pilgrim youth, yet not a stranger, when your Father's house you found: Christ, who set aside your glory to reclaim our wayward race, help us read salvation's story in each passing heart and face. Guest who vintaged wine from water, wand'ring healer brimmed with balm, foreigner whose hearer brought her heart-thirst to your well of calm: Savior, may we see our neighbor as an emblem of your care; in our leisure and our labor give us grace to find you there. Homeless squatter in a garden, feaster in a rented room, scapegoat for another's pardon, sleeper in a borrowed tomb: Jesus, outcast and offender to those certain of God's will, rend the veils

of race and gender, wealth and health that shroud us still. Strange wayfarer to Emmaus, vague form on the distant shore, fright to friends ("Does sense betray us?") when you stood with them once more: risen Lord, be there to meet us when life dawns eternally; may your promised blessing greet us, "In all these you welcomed me." (Carl P. Daw Jr.)

Presentation The Doxology (Old 100th)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

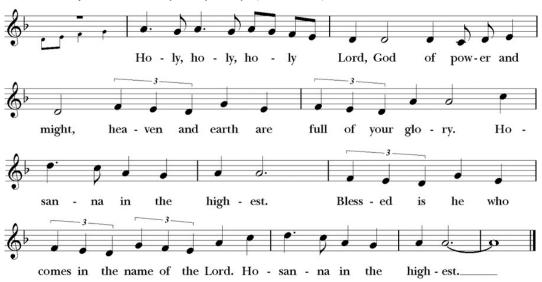
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Hymn S129 Holy, holy, holy (R. Powell)



The people kneel or stand.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

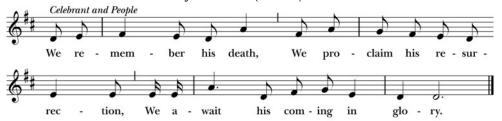
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation Hymn S135 (J. Hill)



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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

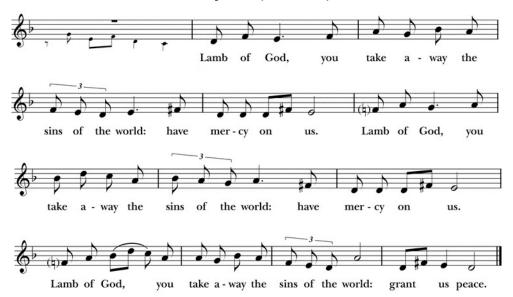
The Celebrant then continues
And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say
Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Fraction Anthem **S163** Lamb of God (R. Powell)



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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

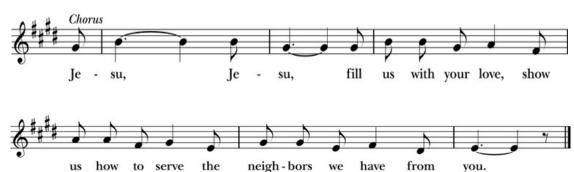
Communion Anthem When Christ was lifted from the earth (D. Williams)

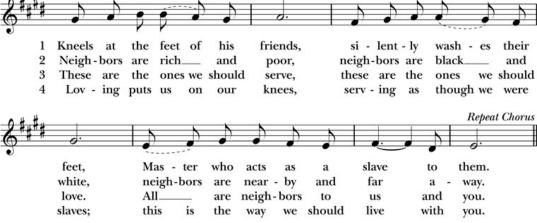
- When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.
- Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far, he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.
- Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

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Communion Hymn Hymnal 1982: 602





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Communion Hymn Hymnal 1982: 660



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Lay Eucharistic Commission

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many, are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Processional Hymn 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life (Gardiner)





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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Voluntary *Lord, I'm don't feel noways tired* (A. Hailstork)





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