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## *The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

LITURGY OF THE WORD with PRAYERS

July 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast online via livestream video*

THE VOLUNTARY Overture, The Rejoicing, The Peace  
from Music for the Royal Fireworks

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

THE OPENING HYMN 718, vv. 1 & 4 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand NATIONAL HYMN  
All are invited to sing or read along.

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841–1907)

Music: National Hymn, George William Warren (1828–1902)

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67*

**T**he servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

### THE RESPONSE

*Song of Solomon 2:8–13*

*The people say the text in bold.*

The voice of my beloved!  
 Look, he comes,

**leaping upon the mountains,  
 bounding over the hills.**

My beloved is like a gazelle  
 or a young stag.

**Look, there he stands  
 behind our wall,**

gazing in at the windows,  
 looking through the lattice.

**My beloved speaks and says to me:**

“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
 and come away;

**for now the winter is past,  
 the rain is over and gone.**

The flowers appear on the earth;  
 the time of singing has come,

**and the voice of the turtledove  
 is heard in our land.**

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
 and the vines are in blossom;  
 they give forth fragrance.

**Arise, my love, my fair one,  
 and come away.”**

### THE SECOND LESSON

*Romans 7:15–25a*

**I** do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 693, vv. 1 & 2 Just as I am, without one plea  
All are invited to sing or read along.

WOODWORTH

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
\*3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)

Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868)

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,  
'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 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. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*All sit.*

### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.*

Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing.

For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God's unfailing love and forgiveness. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For the boundless priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church. For our clergy and bishops, and for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, that our hearts may be opened to God's desires for our future. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead may tend peace in the land, and labor lovingly for every person entrusted to them, especially during this time of global pandemic. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For our nation as we celebrate our Independence Day; save us from violence, discord and arrogance. May we strive to fulfill our solemn pledge of liberty and justice for all, and be united in our love of humankind. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For rain and sun in seasonable proportions and for our community garden, that the harvest may be plentiful and that no child, elder, or adult goes hungry. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For the will and action to preserve God's creation, so that foxes will have holes and birds places to nest. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For our neighbors who live with hunger and without shelter; for all who live with illness, pain or addiction; for all who feel alone; and for all on our parish prayer list, that we may bear witness to God's love for them. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For refugees and immigrants, for all who suffer violence at the hands of others, for all who have been wounded and devalued by racism, and for all leading our nation toward greater justice and equality. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For all who are suffering from illness, grief, isolation, exhaustion, or unemployment as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. For those working toward effective policies, better treatments, and a safe vaccine. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For all who have died, that they may be welcomed into glory with the saints and angels. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

*Officiant* God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all in all, **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Officiant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN 719, vv. 1 &amp; 3 O beautiful for spacious skies

MATERNA

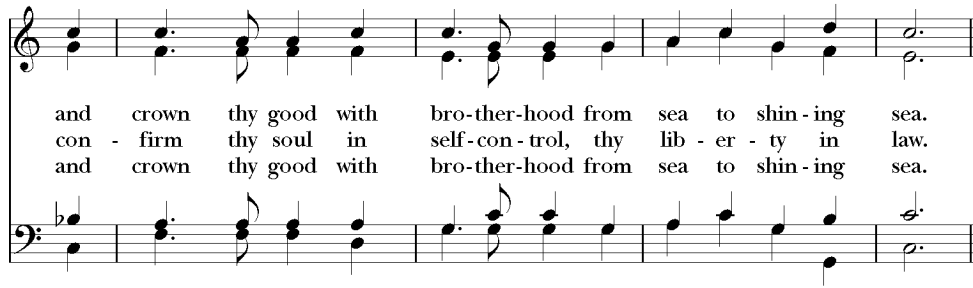
*All are invited to sing or read along.*

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,





and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE VOLUNTARY Minuet, Finale *from* Music for the Royal Fireworks

George Frideric Handel

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Officiant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Lonnie
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Patricia
Brad Babbitt	Marnie Mueller	Billy Ulrich	Nancy Skeelee
Steve Chambers	Ollie		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Carlos Diaz	Sam Cooley
Don Polk	Jeff Verney
Philip Tummescheit	Miriam Lockhart
Charlotte Beers Plank	Barry Simson
Abigail Stretz	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Stephanie & Dwight Latif  
Cindy & Jim Lawler  
Conny & Michael DeLuca

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; St. Paul's, Plainfield; and for military chaplains and all who serve this country.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the United Church of Pakistan.