

# The Order of Service: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

**Prelude** *In this moment of remembrance*

Dale Wood  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Organ

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

## Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

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.**

## Hymn *This Land is Your Land*

Woody Guthrie

*(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)*

This land is your land, and this land is my land  
From the California, to the New York Island  
From the Redwood Forest, to the Gulf stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway  
Saw below me the golden valley  
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled, and I've followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts  
All around me a voice was sounding  
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun come shining, then I was strolling  
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling  
A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting  
This land was made for you and me.

This land is your land, and this land is my land  
From California to the New York Island  
From the Redwood Forest, to the Gulf stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.

**Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

**A Reading** *Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (people muted)*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The man said to Rebekah and her household, "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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145**

*The soloist will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.*

Mark Mummert  
Malek Sammour, Cantor

**REFRAIN:**



The LORD is gra - cious and full of com - pas - sion,



slow to an - ger and a - bound - ing in stead-fast love.

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.  
One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.  
I shall speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

**REFRAIN**

They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.  
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**REFRAIN**

**The Gospel** *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (people muted)*

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

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

Jesus said, "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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Anthem** *God, our ever faithful shepherd*

J.S. Bach, arr. by K. Lee Scott

God, our ever-faithful shepherd,  
Watches o'er us from above,

When our paths lie steep and narrow,  
Should we faint in grief and sorrow?  
God will never leave our care.

By his grace he ever spares us;  
In his arms he gently bears us,  
In his arms he gently bears us still.

God, our ever-faithful shepherd,  
Watches o'er us from above.

**The Sermon** *(people muted)*

*Silence follows the sermon.*

The Rev. Jane Gould

**Anthem** *Suite No.3, BWV 1068, II. Air*

J.S. Bach  
George Bullock, Cello

**Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed**

*(people muted)*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**  
**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: Litany for the Nation

(BCP, 838)

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

**Heal us.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

**Forgive us.**

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

**Inspire us.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

**Enlighten us.**

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

**Renew us.**

We now bring before you God our prayers and praises, our care and concerns, our hopes and dreams.

*Please offer your prayers aloud, in the chat box, or by comment on Facebook.*

As we bring our prayers to you, Gracious God,

**Hear us.**

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*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.**

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

**Amen.**

**Anthem** *I pray my way out of trouble*

Josh Turner  
Malek Sammour, Soloist

Many times my mind is wrapped up in troubles  
And my heart gets so heavy too  
Sometimes when I sink so low I touch bottom  
I kneel down to reach up and he pulls me through

I pray my way out of trouble  
And I ask my dear Lord to help me each day  
I pray my way out of trouble  
And the dear nail-scarred hand wipes my teardrops away

The smallest prayer from the world's biggest sinner  
Brings a smile to his saddened face  
So I just go to him any time I'm in trouble  
Wash my heart in the waters of my Saviour's grace

I pray my way out of trouble  
And I ask my dear Lord to help me each day  
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*As we pray the words of The Great Thanksgiving, know that we all are woven together in the Body of Christ as the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood unites us in heart and spirit.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** (*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3*)

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and forever. **AMEN.**

**Lord's Prayer** (*people unmuted*)

**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.**

As this broken bread was scattered over the mountains,  
And was gathered together to become one,  
So let Your Body of Faithful be gathered together  
From the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. (*Didache, 1st Century*)

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.**

*(St. Augustine of Hippo)*

### **Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **The Blessing**

Life is short, my friends, so be quick to love, and make haste to be kind; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this day and always.  
**Amen.**

#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

**Postlude** *A mighty fortress is our God*

Mark Hayes  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano