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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FITH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 9

(Series A)

AS WE GATHER

Rest is elusive; as each day ends, we must confess with Paul in today's Epistle that we had "the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." In our tiredness, the mirror shows that we are wretched indeed. But Zechariah wrote of a day when the battle would be over, thanks to a coming king, who would set the prisoners free. His description points us to Jesus on Palm Sunday; His death and resurrection have set us free from our bondage to sin. His compassion for us shows in His prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. In our Savior, we find the rest we need each day. Compared to the failing struggle we engage in daily, His yoke is easy, His burden is light. As David wrote in the psalm, "The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." He gives rest for the soul!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast." LSB 699:1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✤ PREPARATION ✤

662 ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS



Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **P**
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in **[P**] us.
- С But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- **P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

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INTROIT

Psalm 91:2, 9-10; antiphon:v.1

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress," my God, in | whom I trust."
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—* the Most High, who is my | refuge no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,* 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 be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

- P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
- **G** How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!
- **P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- **C** To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but 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. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

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



²⁵At 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; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All 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. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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LAMB'S MESSAGE

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SERMON

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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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

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

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in 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 \top of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and everyone in their circumstances.

Zechariah promised that the coming One would "speak peace to the nations." Lord over all, move the leaders of the world's nations to seek and find common ground so that peace breaks out across borders and displaced persons are able to return to their homes. Protect and guide armed forces deployed abroad and all who keep the peace within their nations and communities. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

- **C** and there find rest for our souls.
- P The psalm proclaims that "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom," O God, but we also give You thanks for this temporal nation and the blessings You have so graciously bestowed on us through it. Here we have found prosperity and peace; here we may respond to Your love and offer You our thanks and praise. In Your mercy, continue to use the powers that be in this world to give us the freedom we enjoy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,
- **C** and there find rest for our souls.
- David looked for the day when "one generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." Guide, protect, and direct the Church's leaders, heavenly Father, so that many people hear of Your ancient promises, the deliverance of Your people from Egypt, Your Son's entry into history as one of us, and His sacrifice for our sins and victorious resurrection, opening heaven to all who call on You in faith. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,
- **C** and there find rest for our souls.
- Paul confessed, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." O Holy Spirit, hear the cries of those trapped in their various addictions, burdened with criminal records, and mired in societies of fear and terror. Surround them with

faith-based organizations and compassionate counselors so that they find strength and opportunity to turn their lives around, praising You for gracious deliverance. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

- **C** and there find rest for our souls.
- P Jesus invited, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Listen to the prayers of those near and dear to us with problems of health or finances or mourning loved ones or failed relationships, [*including* . . .]. Use medical professionals, trained advisers, and loving neighbors, so that they look forward to the blessings You have in mind for them in Your wisdom and mercy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,
- **C** and there find rest for our souls.
- Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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Offering plates are available in the narthex as you exit.

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SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.





P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. To a lost and lonely world, You sent Your only Son, who restored and reconciled us by His blood, and, by the power of His resurrection, has brought eternal life to light by the Gospel. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in should Him not but have eternal life. perish Realizing His eternal cure for the sickness of our sin and the relief He provides from the tiredness of our daily struggle, we rest in the grace flowing from His and tomb. cross empty

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

 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.

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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Distribution

Continuous communion will be observed today. Family groups should maintain a social distance of 6 feet.

637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD





645 BUILT ON THE ROCK





DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart
 → in peace.
- **C** Amen.

Stand



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

- and we implore You that, rested and refreshed, we leave to serve You with all that we are and have, and bring Your invitation of rest to all whom we meet;
- 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

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor

and + give you peace.





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