Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee All Diocese Online Worship Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2020



Prelude

Laudate Dominum Jacques Berthier (Taize Community) Text: Laudate dominum omnes gentes, alleluia! English translation: Praise the Lord all vou peoples. Alleluia!

The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Presider And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. People

Opening Hymn

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All read aloud the portions that are in bold.

Collect of the Day *Presider* The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Presider 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. First Lesson Zechariah 9:9-12 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 8-15

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹ The LORD is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.
- ¹¹ They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;
- ¹² That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- ¹⁴ The LORD is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.
- ¹⁵ The LORD upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Epistle

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!

ReaderThe word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS

KINGSFOLD



Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt. Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory 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."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Melesa Skoglund

The Nicene Creed *Said by all.*

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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 during Global Pandemic

- *Presider* O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; in this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church and the world.
- *Deacon* For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Steven our Bishop, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

- *Deacon* For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down and bonds of trust strengthened, to benefit the entire human family. Lord, in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For our nation and its leaders. Grant our public health and government officials the will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion. We pray especially for Donald, President of the United States, and all who advise him; for Congress and our courts of justice; for governors and local elected officials; and for all candidates for public office. May each do their part to make us a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For healthcare workers and all essential workers, who with hearts of service stand on the front lines, providing care and maintaining the systems that sustain us all. Grant them courage and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For the safety and well-being of all who travel and those who remain quarantined. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work and from the many strains and losses of this time. Call us to support one another in love, sharing resources as we are able. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For our churches and communities of faith, that they may reflect your love as they minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill us with your Holy Spirit as we work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all those who mourn, that they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

- *Deacon* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.
- *Presider* Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Human Family

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Said by all.

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Concluding Hymn 302 Father, we thank thee who hast planted





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Dismissal

DeaconLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

America

Carol Doran

Participants in today's service:

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