

8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE 5th Sunday after Pentecost 5 July 2020

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(Please register your presence with us by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you and giving it to the usher or placing into the offering plate.)

AS WE GATHER

Thank God for our nation! The celebration of Independence Day is not part of the traditional Church Year calendar. Rather, it is a national celebration that presents an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of our land. In observing the day, we are connected with the biblical record of God's people in times past who expressed thanks for the blessings that God had given to them through the nation of which they were part. The psalmist writes, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 33:12). As we bring our thankful praise to God, we ask that His blessing on our land would continue for generations.

PRELUDE "America! America!"

arr. Robert J. Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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+ Service of the word +

INTROIT

Psalm 33:11,18, 22; antiphon: v. 12

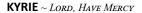
¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

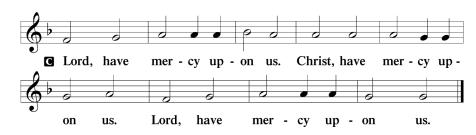
on those who hope in His steadfast love,

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

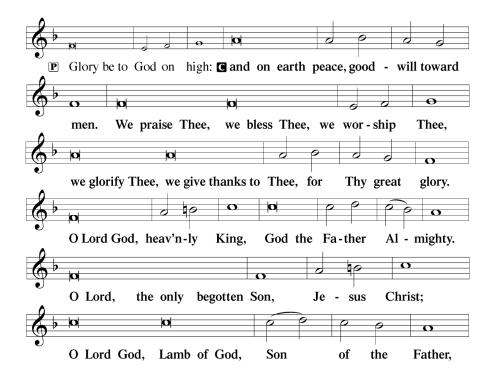


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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.



and God of history, we ask You to keep our nation and its leaders under Your care. It is by Your grace and blessing alone that we can know peace and freedom. Direct and lead us to live justly with our neighbors, peaceably in our communities, and joyfully in our land, seeking the common good. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.



OLD TESTAMENT READING (Walking in the name of the Lord)

Micah 4:1-5

¹It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD

shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it,
 ²and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
³ He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore;
⁴ but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
 ⁵For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

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

PSALM

Psalm 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

- ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- ³Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.
- ⁶He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- ⁷The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

(Civic life for Christians)

Romans 13:1-7

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 33:20-21

L Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

GOSPEL (Stand)

(Rendering to Caesar what is his.)

Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22th chapter.



¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show Me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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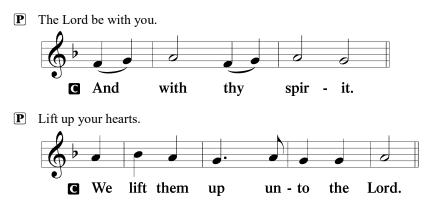
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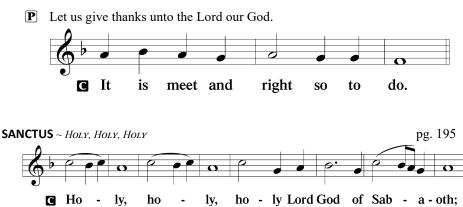
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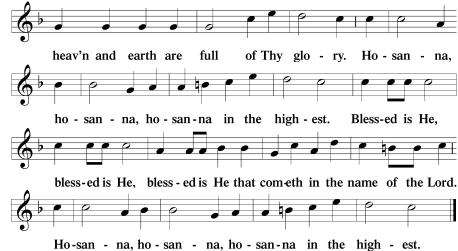
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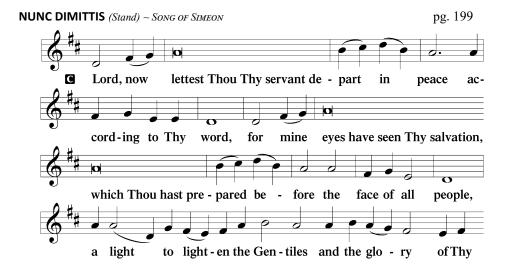
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

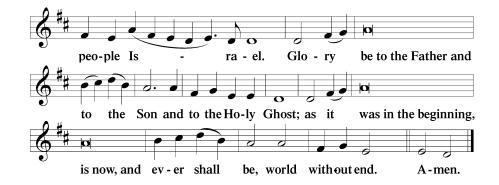




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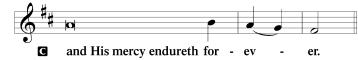




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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

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P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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POSTLUDE — *DUKE STREET*

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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