

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
07/05/20
Prelude Music

Welcome

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear friends, as we come before God, we realize that if our Lord kept a record of sins, who could stand before Him? However, our God is a merciful God and in Him and in Him only we find forgiveness. Let us then confess our sins together – you can listen this confession or you can read along with me.

Confession:

Dear heavenly Father, in Your mercy You have protected us through another week. Thank You for all the blessings You have provided, both small and great. Forgive us where we have sinned against You and where we have hurt others. Restore to us the joy of Your Salvation, which You granted us through faith in Jesus Christ. Give to us and to Your whole Church the true peace of Your Son Jesus – the peace that the world cannot give us – that we may rest from our struggles with sin and our past mistakes. Dear Lord, forgive our sins and help us to walk in the path of new life that Jesus puts ahead of us. Bless us with your mercy & love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Absolution:

As I mentioned before, in the Gospel reading this morning, Jesus does promise us that in Him, **we find rest for our souls!** Because of Jesus's death and resurrection, our souls rest in Jesus. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit -- amen.

Hymn - Jesus Refuge of the Weary, The Hymnal Project

Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;

Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹ Rejoice 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. ¹⁰ I 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle Reading - Romans 7:14-25a

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

want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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

Gospel Reading - Matthew 11:25-30

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

Children's Sermon - Pastor Ely

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in **God the Father** Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in **Jesus Christ**, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Church Offerings

Offering Music

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name,
Would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the bright and morning star

Who Am I, Casting Crowns

Would choose to light the way
For my ever-wandering heart?

Bridge: Not because of who I am,
But because of what You've done,
Not because of what I've done,
But because of who You are.

Chorus: I am a flower quickly fading,
Here today and gone tomorrow,
A wave tossed in the ocean,
A vapor in the wind.
Still You hear me when I'm calling.
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling,
And You've told me who I am:
I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me?

Bridge

Chorus

Prayers of the Congregation

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, forever. Amen.

Song - Mighty to Save, Laura Story

Everyone needs compassion,
A love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures,
And fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in,
And now I surrender.
(I surrender)

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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Meditation: Refresh by Surrendering Control - Pastor Ed Giese

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Hymn - God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land;
Firm may it ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

Chat Time