

ST PAUL'S

GROWING IN THE GRACE OF *JESUS*
LIVING IN THE LOVE OF *GOD*
FEASTING IN THE FELLOWSHIP
OF THE *SPIRIT*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ORGAN **P**RELUDE

Modal Prelude

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CALL TO **W**ORSHIP

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth
stand in awe of Him.*

GATHERING **h**YMN

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**To the Name of our salvation,
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.**

**Jesus is the Name we treasure;
Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, Name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.**

**'Tis the Name that who-so preaches
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this Name beseeches
finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches,
heavenly joy possesses here.**

**Therefore, we in love adoring,
this most blessed Name revere;
holy Jesus, Thee imploring
so to write it in us here,
that hereafter, heaven-ward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.**

Text: Latin (*Gloriasi salvatoris*, 15th cent); tr. *John Mason Neale* (1818-1866), alt.

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in His presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands, to declare His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have

done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. **AMEN**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded His ministers to pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe His holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please Him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

THE INVITATORY

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **AMEN**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

THE JUBILATE

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be assured that the Lord, He is God; it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His

people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures from generation to generation.

RESPONSIVE CANTICLE – Isaiah 12: 2-6

led by Joe Burnham

*²Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
He has become my salvation.*

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*⁴And you will say on that day:
Give thanks to the LORD,
call on His Name;
make known His deeds among the nations;
proclaim that His Name is exalted.*

**⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

*⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end; AMEN**

THE FIRST LESSON – Ephesians 2: 1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us ⁵even when we

were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN

The SECOND LESSON – John 3:11-21

read by David Dippel

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive Our testimony. ¹²If I have told

you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the One who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸Those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the Name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

The word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

DEUS MISERATUR

May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us. Let Your way be known upon earth, Your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; indeed, let all the peoples praise You. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for You shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear

Him. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

AMEN

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN

hymn of Preparation

ST THOMAS

**Stand up and bless the Lord
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.**

**Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy Name,
and laud and magnify?**

**O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!**

**God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name;
henceforth for evermore.**

James Montgomery (1771-1854) alt.

The MESSAGE ***Do you turn to Jesus and accept Him as your Saviour?***

The Rev'd Kris Michaelson

hymn of **R**esponse

NEW BRITAIN

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Text: St. 1-4, *John Newton* (1725-1807). St.5, *A Colletion of Sacred Ballads*, Richmond, 1790

The RESPONSATORY

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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****

O Lord, show Your mercy upon us;
And grant us Your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;
And let Your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save Your people;
And bless Your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And defend us by Your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

The PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, You have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before You; grant this for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Δ COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know You is eternal life and to serve You is perfect freedom: Defend us, Your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Δ COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by Your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

A PRAYER FOR ALL HUMANITY

O God, You made us in Your own image, and You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ: 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. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities; that, in Your good time, all nations and races may serve You in harmony around Your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages.

AMEN

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name You will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting

*us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come
life everlasting.* **AMEN**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **AMEN****

SENDING **h**YMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory, who great things has done;
God so loved the world freely sending the Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

***O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, who great things has done!***

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.**

**Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see!**

Text: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915), alt; rev. *The Book of Praise*, 1997

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