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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

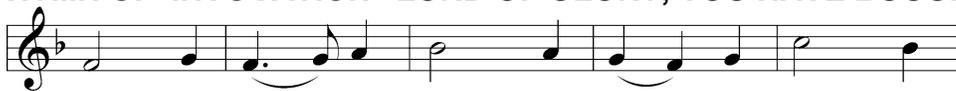
**FORGIVE YOUR BROTHER FROM THE HEART**

**AS WE GATHER**

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God's forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God's mercy.

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION "LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US" LS 851**



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

**C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you

**C** **And also with you.**

**+ WORD +**

## KYRIE

*Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Lord, have mercy.*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**P** For peace in the world, for the health and well-being of the Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**P** For the hungry, the homeless, the poor, the oppressed, and all who are in need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**P** For the richness of God's peace in our hearts, for peace within our homes and congregations, and that we may live in peace with all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**P** For the guidance of the Spirit, for the strengthening of our faith, and for the courage to give bold witness to the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**P** For the Lord to nourish our souls with the blessed food of His Word and Table and for grace that what we here receive we may keep in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, God of mercy.

Remembering the faithful, who have loved and served the Lord and now rest from their labors, let us commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE “10000 Reasons”**

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before  
me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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### **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

**P** <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**C** <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

**P** <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**C** <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**P** <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**C** <sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

**P** <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**C** <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P** <sup>9</sup>He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**C** <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P** <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**C** <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## EPISTLE: ROMANS 14:1–12

*Romans 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

*Matthew 6:14*

Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21–35*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE” LSB843 (tune 720)**

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.
  
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?
  
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to You!
  
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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**SERMON**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS "HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME" LSB 940 *st. 2*

2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI "Holy Holy Lamb"

Holy, holy Lamb, Holy, holy Lamb,  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Holy, holy Lamb.

Holy, holy Lamb, Holy, holy Lamb,  
He's worthy of our worship and praise.  
Holy, holy Lamb.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### "I Lay My Sins On Jesus" LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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### **“He Is Lord”**

He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord!  
Ev’ry Knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord. (REPEAT)  
Author Unknown

### **“Be Unto Your Name”**

We are the moment. You are forever  
Lord of all ages. God before time.  
We are a vapor. You are eternal.  
Love everlasting Reigning on high.

Holy, holy Lord, God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest Praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.

We are the broken. You are the healer.  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we’ll sing forever,  
Bowing before You blessing Your name.

Holy, holy Lord, God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest Praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.

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### **How Deep the Father’s Love”**

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Name upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart;  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### **“How Marvelous”**

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous How wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous How wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed “Not my will but thine”  
He had no tears for his own griefs  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

Chorus

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I last shall see  
It will be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me

Chorus

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### **POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL**



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 △ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN “WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL” LSB 845



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

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### DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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