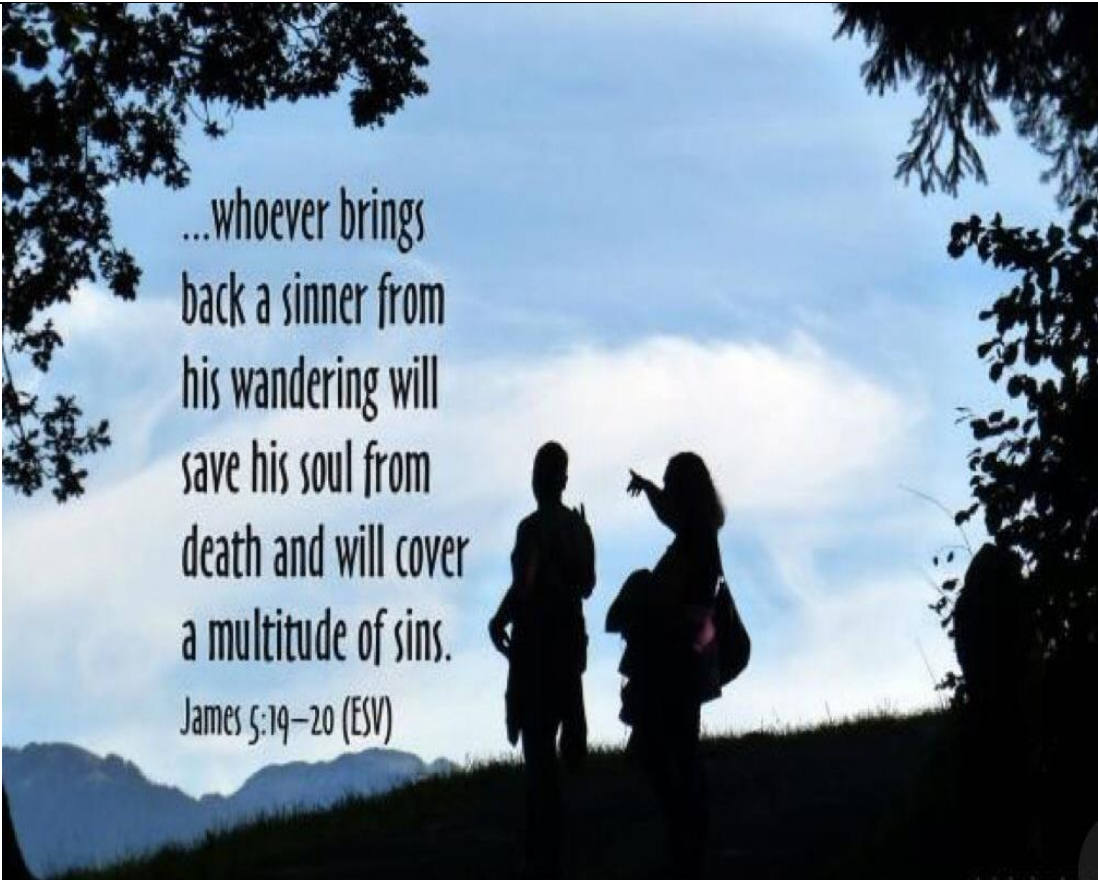


To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



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James 5:19–20 (ESV)

*September 29, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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Pre-Service Song: The People of God Come Rejoicing In

Chorus:

The people of God come rejoicing in,
Renewed and restored and redeemed from sin.
We lift up our hearts as our prayers begin;
Your people come to sing alleluia.

We come to celebrate Your love for us
With dancing melody,
Recalling all Your promises and all we hope to be;
We're Your adopted sons and daughters now,
Forgiven, loved and free,
And so Your people sing alleluia.

Chorus:

The people of God come rejoicing in,
Renewed and restored and redeemed from sin.
We lift up our hearts as our prayers begin;
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Pre-Service Song: Gathered Together (Julida Polka)

Gathered together, loving each other
Singing and praying, Lord God our Father
Bless us and guide us; teach us, unite us.
These things we ask Lord, please God forgive us.

Chorus:

Holy God, Holy God, Father, Spirit, Son
Holy God, Holy God, three persons all in one.
Prayers and sacrifice, Your blood, it was the price.
Holy God, Holy God, You're the one for us.

Accept our gifts Lord and our salutations.
In your name offered from this congregation.
We all are brothers praying for others
For our salvation to Your heavenly home.
Repeat Chorus

Opening Song: Let the Son Shine In

Joyful hope, love of God, and smiling faces,
Is the heritage we have as sons of God
Christ has risen to new life,
Put an end to death and strife,
Now we celebrate as one and sons of God.

Chorus:

So let the Son shine in,
Share Christ with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.
So let the Son shine in,
Shake hands with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.

On the job, in your home, or at a party
People wishing all their friends the peace of Christ
Happy feeling in the air,
Forget your troubles and your cares,
And join all those who share the peace of Christ.
Repeat Chorus:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P 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.

Psalm 100: Like a Flock

Refrain:

Like a flock that trusts its shepherd,
So Your people trust in You;
As they follow where he leads them,
So we follow after You.

1) We are glad to worship You
And to serve You all our days;
And we come today, yes, we come today
With our joyful songs of praise. Refrain

2) For we know You are our God,
We are made and loved by You;
In our troubles, Lord, in our troubles, Lord,
You protect and guide us through. Refrain

3) You are loving, kind and good
Your compassion never ends;
And Your faithfulness, yes, Your faithfulness,
Is forever to Your friends. Refrain

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased.

¹¹Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 5:1-20

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.

²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Song: I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Chorus:

I saw the light; I saw the light.
No more darkness, no more night!
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Just like a blind man I wandered along;
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray;
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Chorus

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
Let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus:

Just a closer walk with Thee;
Grant it Jesus is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee;
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through the days of toil and snares,
If I fail, dear Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Chorus

When my feeble life is o'er
And time for me will be no more,
Guide me safely, gently o'er
To Thy Kingdom's shore, to Thy shore. Chorus

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.

Offering



Please sign the red Friendship Book that is in your pew.

Musical Offering: Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay.

Chorus:

And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart. Repeat

I've got that peace that passes understanding
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
Down in my heart.

I've got that peace that passes understanding
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. Chorus.

I know the devil doesn't like it but it's down there
To stay, down there to stay, down there to stay.
I know the devil doesn't like it but it's down there
To stay, down in my heart to stay. Chorus

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart, down in the
Depths of my heart, down in the depths of my heart.
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart,
Down in my heart to stay. Chorus

Prayer of the Church

☞ Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service.

Following each petition...

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

Song: Best Wishes

Best wishes in all you do,
Here's hoping your dreams will come true
God speed you and may He lead you
To happiness and nothing less

Best wishes where're you go,
A warm welcome, a friendly hello
When both lead you may they treat you
With loving care
And may they share our best wishes

May your life be full of contentment
And with love and peace as your guide
You can find the future without a care
And our best wishes will always be there

Best wishes to you each day,
Good fortune to travel your way
Your path a straight one,
Your life a great one
But most of all,
A host of all our best wishes.

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 His favor and ✠ give you His peace.

C Amen.

Closing Song: Do Lord

Refrain

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Look away beyond the blue!

You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!

You're the stronghold of my life,

By You all things were made.

Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,

For I move in the strength of the Lord. Refrain

Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!

Even though a war surrounds me

You are always near

One thing I have asked of you

That I will seek for sure

Is to live in the house of the Lord. Refrain

You will hide me in your shelter in the day of strife;

You'll conceal me in your tent

Or set me on the height

Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night,

So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. Refrain

Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;

Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.

As it was in the beginning till our race is won.

We can live in the light of the Lord. Refrain

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