

The Fifth Sabbath after Pentecost

June 23, 2018

Prelude

Announcements

Light of Christ

L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Lord of desert and rain, we enter into a time of year in which the power of storm and storming are upon us as the monsoons approach.

C Your Word contains more power than any storm.

L Many have experienced the sense of powerlessness in the midst of monsoon lightening and wind and flood overpowering the day.

C Your Word contains more power than any storm.

L We also experience storms in our own lives which seem to have more power than we ourselves can muster up to wage a fair battle: We are weakened as we are stormed upon by entities and illness more powerful than us.

C Your Word contains more power than any storm.

L May we truly walk in faith given to us by Your Grace that we may trust in the true power of Your Word in us, around us and through us. And when we fail to believe this as truth, have mercy on us.

(Let us observe a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination.)

L Most merciful God,

C We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to us the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" (1-4)

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

Scripture Readings

Job 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²*“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”*

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, *“Let us go across to the other side.”* ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, *“Peace! Be still!”* Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, *“Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”* ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Children’s Message

Anthem

The Sermon

The Sharing of our Tithes and Offering

Prayers of the People

*Words of Institution

**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**

Distribution of Holy Communion

*All who believe in Jesus Christ as Risen Lord and Savior are welcome to partake in the meal He has prepared for you.
The inner ring of white cups in the Communion tray is non-alcohol.*

***Receive the Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

***Blessing the Congregation**

P Now may the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you in favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***Hymn** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

**1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

P Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.