

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOME AGAPE MEAL

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – July 5, 2020

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>God and the Nation</i> Battle Hymn, Materna, America	John Scriveyner
OPENING HYMN	Fairest Lord Jesus, vv. 1-3 (<i>Words on last page</i>)	Hymnal 383

OPENING SENTENCES

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
<i>People</i>	And blessed be the Life of God, now and for ever!
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And God’s Spirit with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

READING	Romans 7:15-25a
<p>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.</p> <p>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!</p>	

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-15

8	The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.
9	The Lord is loving to everyone; and God’s compassion is over all his works.;
10	All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.
11	They make know the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;
12	That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
13	Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
14	The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.
15	The Lord upholds all those who fall; God lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE GOSPEL	Matthew 11:25-30	<i>The gospels are stories of Jesus’ life</i>
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<i>Deacon</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 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.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

<i>Deacon</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON	The Rev. Joan Crittenden
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PRAYER SONG	Come unto me	Jami Smith
	<i>Duet: Alicia Cordelle and Kate Heichler</i>	

OUR PRAYERS

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN In your mercy, Lord, you called me, vv 1-3 Hymnal 706
(*Words on last page*)

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, as we sing:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Jesus, be known to us
In the breaking of the bread.

THE COMMUNION

In this time of contagion, when we are apart, you are welcome to partake of an Agape meal at home; it is not the same as eucharist, but is a way to share in this blessing. Together, we join in this prayer:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – Prayer by St. Alphonsus (1696-1787)
Celebrant Let us pray.

In union, O God, with your faithful people in every church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. As I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

A PRAYER OF THANKS

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us by your Spirit with the body and blood of your Son, for inviting us into your divine life as we share in this holy meal. Give us grace to go out from here and share that life with others, to invite them to join in this dance of eternal love with You, in whom we live and move and have our being, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN My country, 'tis of thee ((Words on last page) Hymnal 717

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS

We give thanks for: The anniversary of Bonnie and Bruce Rafer.
We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Melanie Coe, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer,

John MacCoy, Marion Denniston, Barry Kercher, Joan Shoemaker, Beverly Stone.
The death of Amanda Maddox.

OUTDOOR 8 AM SERVICE JULY 12 AT WAYSIDE, JULY 19 LA PLATA – We will have another set of outdoor 8 am services in July, in addition to the main service online at 10. Bring seats if you have them, and wear a mask. Registration is required for all in-person services, either at this link or by calling the parish office by Friday at noon. Everyone who plans to attend in-person worship must download, sign and return the Diocesan Covenant for Regathering in Worship - download it here.

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTS Wednesdays at 6:45 pm Online – Each Wednesday night at 6:45 we gather on Zoom for a time of Bible study - the Gospel of Mark, which moves at breakneck speed. Then we break up into small groups, using the breakout function in Zoom, to share prayer concerns and at 8 we'll come back together for Night Prayer. (If you know who you'd like to be in a small group with, please let Rev. Kate know.) Who might you invite to join you this week? Click here to join, pw: LPWay; or call in: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

NIGHT PRAYERS AND CHECK IN - Weekday evenings at 8 pm Online - We've been gathering for evening prayers since this Covid-19 social distancing began, and it's been rich and wonderful. So we will continue meeting online each evening to pray and to check in with each other. The format is based on our Compline service but flexible enough that people outside our congregations can wander in and be comfortable. Invite a friend or neighbor or family member - it doesn't matter where they live! There is plenty of room on Zoom. Click here to join by internet. You can also call in: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

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HYMNS:

OPENING HYMN Fairest Lord Jesus, vv. 1-3 Hymnal 383

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling. starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

OFFERTORY HYMN In your mercy, Lord you called me, vv 1-3 Hymnal 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
Else this world had still enthralled me,
and to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you
till be grace you set me free;
For my heart would still refuse you
had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you,
for your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well, that if I love you,
you, O Lord, have loved me first.

CLOSING HYMN My country, ‘tis of thee Hymnal 717

1 My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

2 My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

3 Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake,
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.