**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion – John Hus Festival**

**July 5, 2020, 10:00 AM**

 **Watchword of the Week:**

***The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.***

**Psalm 145:8**

**Prelude** *How Firm a Foundation* Arr. Berry

**Welcome and Announcements** Marshall Mathers

**Call to Worship** *Spirit of the Living God*IVERSON

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer** Jerry Hailey

**Liturgy for Christian Unity, Page 122** Nancy Morgan

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

**By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.**

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

**We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.**

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

**We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.**

 DUKE STREET

 Lord of all being, throned afar,

 Your glory flames from sun and star;

 Center and Soul of every sphere,

 Yet to each loving heart how near!

Lord of all life, below, above,

 Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,

 Before your ever-blazing throne

 We ask no luster of our own.

 We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

**Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.**

 BEECHER

 Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

 let us all in you inherit, let us find the promised rest.

 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

**We know that we need each other, and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.**

Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

**Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.**

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

**Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.**

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

**Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.**

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

**Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

 Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:

 **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

**Hear us and help us all, we pray.**

May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

**Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.**

 GAUDEAMUS PARITER

 Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;

 for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.

 Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,

 one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.

 One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day;

 With one Cup and with one Bread thus one covenant way we tread.

 One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,

 one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heaven above.

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**Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord**

 **(**Mail or online)

**Prayer of Dedication** Marshall Mathers

**Anthem** *Lord Christ Jesus, Our Salvation*Arr. Henkelmann

**Reading of God’s Word** Steve Morgan

**Hymn 391** *By All Your Saints Still Striving* ST. THEODULPH

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
You rose, our king victorious, that they might wear the crown

and evermore shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

For Hus the fearless martyr we give you thanks and praise,

whose bright and pure example still shines in these our days.

May we with dedication so preach and live your love

that all may hear your witness and strive for heav’n above.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throne

who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song:

for them and those whose witness is only known to you,

by walking in their footsteps, we give you praise anew.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son

and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,

till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne

ascribe all pow’r and glory and praise to God alone.

**Communion Scripture**

**Communion Meditation** Rev. Scott Venable

**Service of Holy Communion p. 27** Blue Booklet

*In Celebration of Unity and Renewal*

#### Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

 FREUEN WIR UNS

Come, let us all with gladness raise a joyous song of thanks and praise
to God who rules the heav'nly host, God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

And in your love may we abide, estranged from none by wrath or pride,
among ourselves at unity and with all else in charity.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

 PENITENCE

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me;
lest by base denial  I depart from thee;
when thou seest me waver,  with a look recall,
nor for fear or favor suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures would this vain world charm,
or its sordid treasures  spread to work me harm,
bring to my remembrance  sad Gethsemane,

or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.

 HAYN

Jesus makes my heart rejoice, I’m his sheep, and know his voice;
he’s a Shepherd, kind and gracious, and his pastures are delicious;
constant love to me he shows, yea, my very name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always, I go in and out in peace;
he will feed me with treasure of his grace in richest measure;
when athirst to him I cry, living water he’ll supply.

Should not I for gladness leap, led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over to the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest. Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.

##### Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

**SILENT PRAYER**

##### By your divine presence,

##### By the holy sacraments,

By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

 LAUDA ANIMA

Here we gather to remember love perfected, love denied,

Haunted by that life so tender, pard’ning, bleeding, crucified.

Grace invited, faith united, remnant hope of Calvary.

Here you offer us tomorrow, lives unseen and deeds undone,

Our fulfilment in the sorrow we embrace and make our own.

Grace invited, faith united, sent to share your mystery.

 AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

**SILENT PRAYER**

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant to us your peace. Amen.**

CASSEL

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide!
All the heavenly hosts adore you, seated at your Father's side;

there for sinners you art pleading; there our places you prepare,
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

##### The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

 **In the name of Jesus, Amen.** (sung)

**Postlude** *For All the Saints*Arr. Linker