



Worship with Communion 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

Amma Diane

♪ **This is My Song**

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **AMEN!**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **AMEN!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN!**

A Litany for the First Sunday in July

Celebrant This weekend, as we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world...

All **For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation...**

Celebrant For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation...

All **For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all...**

Celebrant For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town...

All **For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and for those who paid by their sacrifice...**

Celebrant For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good...

All **For this land, with its peaks and valleys, forests and lakes, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows...**

Celebrant For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far...

All **Lord, we pray for The United States of America, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice, all as modeled by you.**

Celebrant That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray...

All **That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness...**

Celebrant That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them...

All **That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace...**

Celebrant Gracious God, Father of all nations: bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, increase in us your grace and compassion, and receive our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **AMEN!** *adapted from a litany by the Rev Rick Morley (St Mark's Episcopal Church, Basking Ridge, NJ)*

First Lesson

Zechariah 9. 9-12

Reader 1 A reading from the book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader 1 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Psalm 145. 8-15

Reader 1 Let us read together from Psalm 145.

All O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. You are loving to everyone and your compassion is over all your works. All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you. They make known the glory of your dominion and speak of your power; so that the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your dominion. Your sovereignty is an everlasting one; your dominion endures throughout all ages. Lord, you are faithful in all your words and merciful in all your deeds. You uphold all those who fall and lift up those who are bowed down.

Gospel

Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

Reader 2 In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, & neighbors, & for those who are alone.

Reader 2 For this community, the nation, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader 2 For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader 2 For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.

Reader 2 For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader 2 For the entire Body of Christ, near and far.

All For all who serve God and God's Church.

Reader 2 For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;

All For your mercy is great.

Reader 2 We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

All And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader 2 We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All **Who put their trust in you.**

Reader 2 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **AMEN!**

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

♪ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Offering Our Gifts

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Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN!**

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

All **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!**

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Blessing

Celebrant May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

All Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ **Holy Spirit, Ever Living**

Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
 Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;
 you we praise with endless worship for your fruits and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
 teaching, strength'ning and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding, age to age, and soul to soul,
 in a fellowship unending, you we worship and extol.

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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