

September 17, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Ordinary Time

GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song

Joy to the World
Watts (1719) | Handel (1742)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
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and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 98

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed his righteousness in
the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and
sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound
of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before
the King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the
rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for
He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and
the peoples with equity.

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6-7

LEADER: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the
wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return
to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will
abundantly pardon.

Most merciful Father,
We have sinned against and are guilty before You.
Forgive us for the sins of our tongues:

ALL: for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;
for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

LEADER: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

ALL: for impurity in our glances and imagination,
for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth
than You have already given us.

LEADER: Forgive us for the sins of our hearts:

ALL: for hard-heartedness toward You and our neighbors;
for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all
for rebelling against Your Lordship and doubting Your love.
Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts.
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, and pure, to live for You and not for
ourselves, to be transformed into Your likeness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:3-7

LEADER: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship Though Giving: Worship Singing *From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)*

Luther | Miner (1997)

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;

Lord turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication

If Thou iniquities dost mark; our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

MEN: O who shall stand before Thee? (WOMEN: Who shall stand before Thee?)

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To wash away the crimson stain, grace grace alone availeth.

Our works alas are all in vain in much the best life faileth.

No man can glory in Thy sight; all must alike confess Thy might

MEN: and live alone by mercy (WOMEN: Live alone by mercy)

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Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in mine own merit.

On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit.

His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support.

MEN: I wait for it with patience (WOMEN: Wait for it with patience)

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What though I wait the live-long night and till the dawn appeareth

My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not, nor feareth.

Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed; ye of the Spirit born indeed

MEN: and wait 'til God appeareth (WOMEN: Wait 'til God appeareth)

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Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.

His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.

Our shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last our Israel free

MEN: from all their sin and sorrow (WOMEN: All their sin and sorrow)

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Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

REFRAIN: *Behold our God seated on his throne! Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare; come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? **REFRAIN**

Who has felt the nails upon his hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign **REFRAIN**

(X5) MEN: You will reign forever
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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

*The Church: 1 Peter 1:3-12
Angel Gawking*

Chad Smith

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though

you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(CUP) Worship Singing

Abide with Me

Henry Lyte | Justin Smith (2007)

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth did'st smile;
and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless.
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing