

## HYMN 543

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

## POSTLUDE

*"In God, My Faithful God"*

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### **LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY**

Having recently learned the most important commandment—love God and love your neighbor as yourself—through the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), the disciples now have the presence of mind to ask Jesus how to pray. They are learning their catechism.

Christians can give thanks that the disciples asked the question, because all those who have memorized and prayed the prayer Jesus taught are beneficiaries. It is a prayer of comfort, grace, and strength, fathomless in its depths and multifaceted like a diamond. It is a beautiful prayer.

It is likely the words of this prayer, the Lord's Prayer, are some of most prayed in human history. And for good reason. They teach us to praise God, invite the kingdom, stay focused on daily bread, seek forgiveness, forgive others, and seek relief from temptation and suffering.

The catechism class on prayer continues with instructions to be persistent and focused in prayer. Keep praying, be confident, and be specific. Don't leave a prayer un-prayed because you doubt it will be answered. Persist. Pray it.

And then, in a surprise turn, instructions on what specifically to pray for: pray for the Holy Spirit, because God will not deny the Spirit to those who ask. This second part may be in at least some of our communities a less-often-prayed prayer. *"Come, Holy Spirit,"* a prayer sometimes sung through the words of the hymn *"Veni Sancte Spiritus"* (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, #406). Set to music by the Taizé community, a song like this goes deeper and becomes a profound prayer through repetition, much like the Lord's Prayer when prayed as a meditation.

Lord, keep teaching us to pray this way. Come, Holy Spirit.



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## PENTECOST 9

*July 25, 2010 – 9:30 am*

*(You are encouraged to use the time in the sanctuary during the Prelude for silent meditation and prayer; please enjoy conversation with others in the narthex or fellowship hall following the service. Please also be sure your cell phone or pager has been turned off. Thank you so much.)*

### PRELUDE

*"Chorale Prelude on Our Father"*

U. Steigleder

### WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
 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.  
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
 so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your holy name. 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 you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN 742**

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**THE FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20–32**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin!

<sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained

**THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this your salutary gift. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**THE BENEDICTION**

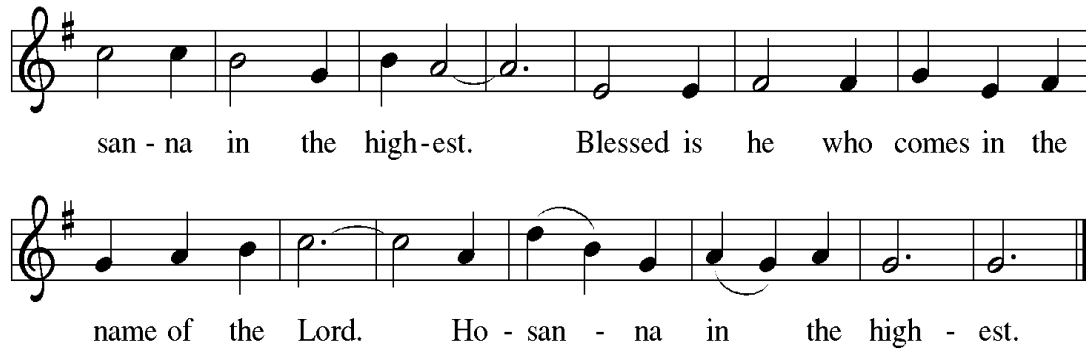
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P** The Living Christ has set you free!

**C** Free indeed! **Thanks be to God!**



san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:
- C** **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.**

#### THE DISTRIBUTION

*We sing Hymn 471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
and then Hymn 886 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and His Real  
Presence in the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper.*

#### THE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And the LORD said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again Abraham spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." The Lord answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 138 (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.  
<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,**  
**because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**  
**for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.  
<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,**  
**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**  
<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,**  
**perceiving the haughty from afar.**  
<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.  
<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;**  
**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;**  
**do not abandon the works of your hands.**

#### THE SECOND READING: *Colossians 2:6–19*

*Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift*

of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

### THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

things at your table, that we will come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### THE PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

#### THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

in your presence, both now and forever.

☞ Amen.

### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

☞ Jersey Millie-Jean, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

☞ Amen.

### PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

☞ Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### WELCOME

☞ Let us welcome the newly baptized.

☞ We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer)

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

THANKOFFERING

OFFERTORY "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" Ennis Fruhauf

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me  
restore unto me the joy of your salvation  
and uphold me with your free spirit.**

THE OFFERING PRAYER

☞ God of mercy and grace,

☞ the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good

### THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

☞ The Gospel of the Lord. ☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SOLO

"O Lord Most Holy"

César Franck

Doris Rye

THE SERMON

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

HYMN 749

"O God of Love, O King of Peace"

HOLY BAPTISM

☞ God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION

Sponsor: I present Jersey Millie-Jean Peterson for baptism.

☞ Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jersey baptized into Christ? Parents/Sponsors: **I do.**

- ☐ As you bring Jersey to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Shane and Nancy, do you promise to help Jersey grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents: I do.*

- ☐ Matt and Rachel, as Jersey's sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors: I do.*

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support Jersey and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

☑ **We do.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

- ☐ I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

- ☐ Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Parents/sponsors: I renounce them.*

- ☐ Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Parents/sponsors: I renounce them.*

- ☐ Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Parents/sponsors: I renounce them.*

- ☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

- ☐ Do you believe in God the Father?

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

- ☐ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

☑ **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

- ☐ Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

☑ **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### THE THANKSGIVING

- ☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

- ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

- ☐ We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Jersey who is washed in the waters of baptism will be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

- ☐ Jersey Millie-Jean, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- ☐ Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Jersey with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy