

# Third Sunday of Pentecost

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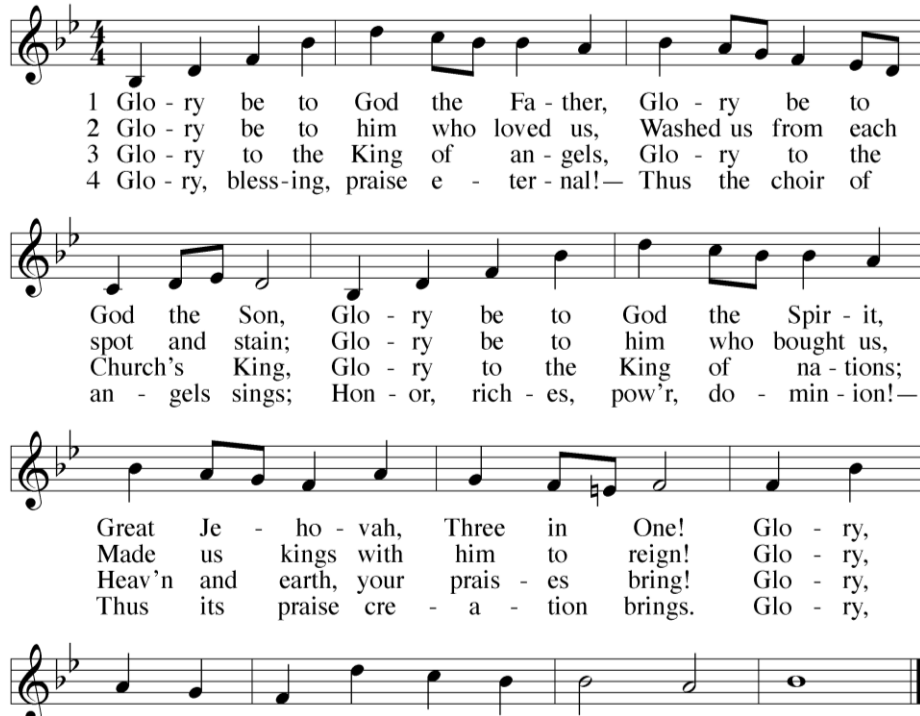
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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**THREAD:** *Jesus came to bring us into God's family. Satan works to keep us out.*

### OPENING HYMN

Glory Be to God the Father | 239



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each  
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15 EHV

*Sin changed everything. Dismissing the Father's "Don't eat ...or you will die" means they left his family to belong to Satan's kingdom of death, denial, terror, torment, trickery. God shows up to reclaim his children.*

<sup>8</sup> They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup> God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup> The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.  
You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.  
He will crush your head,  
and you will crush his heel.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

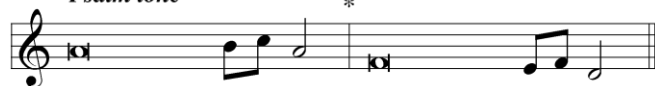
## Psalm 51a

*God's people live exhaling with a repentance that longs for and breathes in his life-giving mercy.*

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

### Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Refrain

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## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 EHV

*Satan continues to seek to separate us from God through troubles and trials. With eyes fixed on the reality that we'll be raised with Jesus; we see our troubles are light and momentary. The eternal far outweighs the temporary.*

<sup>13</sup> Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. <sup>15</sup> In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. <sup>18</sup> We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV

**M:** Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35 EHV

*Jesus' frenetic pace led his family to question his sanity. Israel's leaders dismissed his message and miracles as Satanic. Satan uses enemies and friends to keep people away from God. God's children listen to Jesus.*

**M:** The Gospel, Mark Chapter 3

<sup>20</sup> They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. <sup>21</sup> When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup> The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He drives out demons by the ruler of demons."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. "How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. <sup>27</sup> On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. <sup>29</sup> But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." <sup>30</sup> Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.”

<sup>33</sup> He replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup> He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, “Look, my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**M:** This is the Gospel.



## HYMN OF THE DAY

The Tree of Life | 754 CWS

**The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.**

**The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam to by sin defile.  
Oh, day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.**

**What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by his grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need –  
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!**

**Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in his name;  
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.**

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**SERMON** – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**OFFERING** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:  
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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST

**M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C:** We praise you for every grace and blessing.

- M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C:** **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C:** **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C:** **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**
- M:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C:** **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**
- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.
- C:** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
 now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | 333



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,  
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not  
with your Word And thus now and here -  
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and  
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and  
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm - us Nor we to sin give place.  
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
keep - us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.  
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

*Silent prayer*

*Announcements after the close of Service*

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