

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ELIJAH

The Anthem of the Chancel

Let them praise your name for ever.

Glory to the Savior of all who through his sacrifice delivered our nature.

From the mouth of young men and children.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever.

Amen.

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The Lections

Deuteronomy 9:1-8

"Hear, O Israel; you are to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves, cities great and fortified up to heaven, a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?' Know therefore this day that he who goes over before you as a devouring fire is the LORD your God; he will destroy them and subdue them before you; so you shall drive them out, and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

"Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land; but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

"Know therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness; for you are a stubborn people. Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness; from the day you came out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you."

Isaiah 25:1-8

O LORD, thou art my God;

I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
for thou hast done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For thou hast made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify thee;
cities of ruthless nations will fear thee.
For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the blast of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
like heat in a dry place.
Thou dost subdue the noise of the aliens;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken.

The Shuraya

The God of gods, the LORD, speaks
And summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion God shows forth a glorious crown.

The Apostle

Philippians 3:1-14

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not irksome to me, and is safe for you.

Look out for the dogs, look out for the evil-workers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh. Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain

Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Zumara

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercies endure for ever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercies endure for ever. (2)

To him who in his wisdom made the heavens, for his mercies endure for ever; to him who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercies endure for ever. (2)

The Gospel

St. Matthew 17:14-end

And when [Jesus and his disciples] came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the half-shekel tax went up to Peter and said, "Does not your teacher pay the tax?" He said, "Yes." And when he came home, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their sons or from others?" And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel; take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

The Anthem of the Gospel

I was led astray like a lost sheep: O seek out your servant.

In your search for me, O Christ the King, let me be found. I am the lost coin; seek me, O my Lord. Let my lost condition be found in you; restore me to your fold. You have sought those who are far off. Will you turn your face from me? Your commandment caused a shekel to ascend from the sea. O do not look away from me. I am the coin which is lost; seek me, O my Lord, with the light of your lamp. You have restrained the sun. O who will lead me in your pathways? Have pity on me.

Restore us, O God our Savior: consider, and answer me, O Lord my God.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.

You only take delight in the salvation of men, O Christ our Savior, for you sought the sheep which was lost in your compassion, and in your mercy you gathered it into your fold. I am the sheep from your flock which is lost. Do not ignore me, O my Lord, but gather me up that I may enter your fold and be numbered among your flock. I call upon your protection; have mercy upon me, according to the custom of your loving-kindness.

The Anthem of the Mysteries

Text: *That we may serve henceforth with gladness of spirit, let us then live in the Spirit and obey the Spirit.*

Come, let us glorify the Lord, we who stand in the house of the Lord by night.

Come, let all of us who believe acknowledge without wavering that we see upon the holy Altar the Lamb of God who, behold, is daily sacrificed in a mystical fashion, and though he lives for ever, he is administered to each one without increase or decrease. Therefore with fear and trembling let us all cry, "Holy, holy, you are holy, O Lord, for Heaven and earth are filled with your praises."

Keep the faithful, O Lord.

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The Anthem of the Bema

Come, let us all open our mouths before the gift which gives our nature new life, and let us cleanse our consciences from evil. Let us receive from the absolving Altar the earnest of life which spiritual beings have ministered.

Let us all in one union of love receive the Body of Christ, and with the spiritual beings let us cry out and say together, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Verses:

This Cross is a great wonder. In the heights and in the depths, glory to his name.

Let us all in one union of love receive the Body of Christ, and with the spiritual beings let us cry out and say together, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

This is the hope for which the height and depth and all that is in them awaited.

Let us all in one union of love receive the Body of Christ, and with the spiritual beings let us cry out and say together, Hallelujah, hallelujah!