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# As We Gather

In biblical times, salt was treasured almost as much as gold. Among its many uses was preserving food and other perishables. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us salt, by which He reveals how much God values us. Sometimes people outside the Church also see our worth and offer their support. It is nothing new! Moses valued two men who received the Spirit even though they were missing from gathering with the seventy elders. Jesus valued a man healing in His name, though he was not one of the Twelve. We are worth our salt, our relationship to Christ, so much that a person receiving us receives Christ. And within the Church, our saltiness supports, prays for, cheers up, confesses, and forgives our fellow members. We are worth so much that God does not want anything to cause us to stumble. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

### 878 Abide with Me

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 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me! Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-89 Text and tune: Public domain

# **Confession and Absolution**

### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

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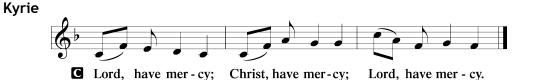
- ▶ Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,\* your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.
- C Praise the LORD! Praise the name | of the LORD,\* give praise, O servants | of the LORD,
- who stand in the house | of the LORD,\* in the courts of the house | of our God!
- C Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is good;\* sing to his name, for it is | pleasant!
- P Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,\* your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14; antiphon: v. 13

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

- **C** For the LORD will vindicate his | people\* and have compassion on his | servants.
- **C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  - is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,\* your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.



### 690 Hope of the World



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**C** Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from Numbers, chapter 11.

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

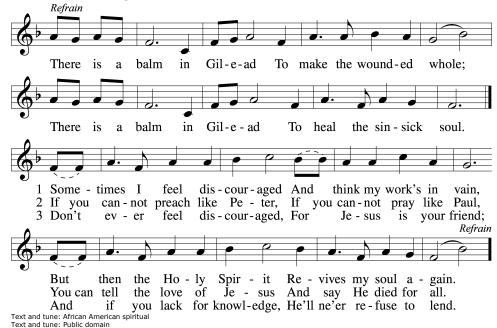
<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

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

### 749 There Is a Balm in Gilead



#### James 5:1-20

**R** The Epistle is from James, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

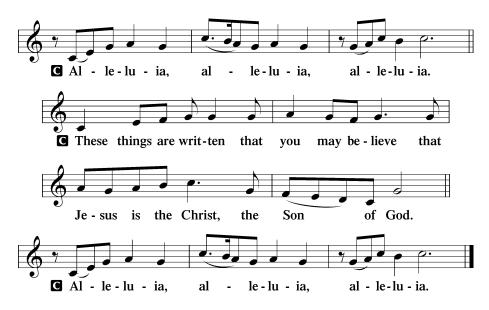
<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse



### **Epistle**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

■ <sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# **Apostles' Creed**

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

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

505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay let us per-ish nev - er! God the Fa - ther be stay; 0 our Christ, be Thou 0 Je sus our stay; let us per-ish nev - er! 3 Ho - ly Spir 0 it, be our stay; let us per-ish nev er! grant us life for - ev er. Cleanse us from our sins, And we pray, grant us life for - ev Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And er. Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev er. Keep us from the e - vil one; Up-hold our faith most ho ly, Keep us from the e - vil one: Up-hold our faith most ho \_ ly, Keep us from the e - vil one; Up-hold our faith most ho ly, With hum-ble hearts and low - With hum-ble hearts and low -And let us trust Thee sole -1y ly. And let us trust Thee sole \_ ly ly. And let us trust Thee sole ly With hum-ble hearts and low ly. Let us put God's ar-mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning put God's ar-mor on, all true Chris - tians run - ning With Let us put God's ar-mor all true Chris - tians run - ning Let us on, With The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning. Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning. Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning. ia!" "Al - le - lu A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing \_ we. ia!" "Al - le - lu A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu ia!" A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, \_ Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, based on 15th-cent. German litany; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter Text and tune: Public domain

### Sermon

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### Prayer of the Church

- **P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- ▶ For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

P	For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our
	colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would
	be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

- ▶ For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

For those who are sick (especially *[name]*), that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

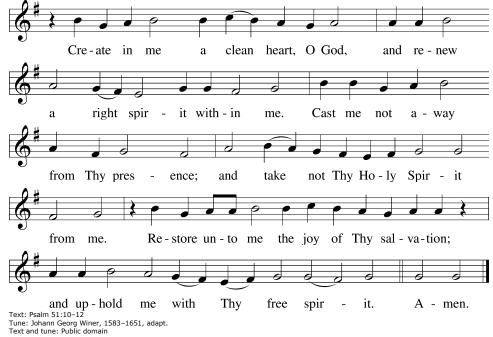
# **C** Lord, have mercy.

For those who mourn (especially *[name]*), that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

## **C** Lord, have mercy.

- ▶ For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

# 956 Create in Me



### Lord's Prayer

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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.

# **Post-Communion Collect**

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

### **Benedicamus**

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

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C Amen.
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### Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9am on Sunday mornings is studying Numbers.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The Ladies Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10am, studying the book of 2 Kings.

Church Council next meeting is Oct 13 at 8am.

Today is a **Fifth Sunday!** Plan on joining the potluck luncheon after service.

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