

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COLLECT

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim and the war horse from
Jerusalem; and the battle bow
shall be cut off, and he shall

command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to
sea, and from the River to the
ends of the earth. As for you
also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you, I will set your
prisoners free from the waterless
pit. Return to your stronghold, O
prisoners of hope; today I declare
that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145

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| 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever. | 4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power. |
| 2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever. | 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works. |
| 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness. | 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness. |

- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, * and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways * and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; * he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, * but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:21- 8:6

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father

except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

