

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

The Gospel today is a beloved passage, unique to Matthew. Jesus speaks, as the very presence of the ancient Wisdom of God, offering rest to those who "are weary and carrying heavy burdens." In this hard time, we may come to this deep rest together as we encounter Christ in the scripture and as we pray. If you are able, join the congregation, using one of the many ways available, **at 10am on Sunday, July 5.**

## RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2020**

## Our Common Prayer at Home

*You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging the entire worship video.*

*Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.*

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:*

### FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>The king 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.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading:*

*Music may be found at:*

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200705/playlist>

## **PSALM 145:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in | all your works.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

[Paul writes:]<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by wise deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>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 the Father.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*There are images for our times and an image for ourselves in the first two readings today. “War horses,” “battle bows,” and “waterless pits for prisoners” may be archaic, but they can stand for the very real violent conflict in our world today and for our own sense of current imprisonment. And with Paul, we too are not able to do the good we wish we could do. Who will deliver us? Thanks be to God, indeed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For us, Jesus is the humble one who by the cross brings hope, release, and peace. Jesus welcomes us sinners. Even if we are not wise, Jesus shows us who God is. And Jesus gives us rest. By the power of the Spirit, baptism into Christ draws us into learning from him and carrying his yoke: we, too, will seek to live out of peace and give rest to our neighbors.*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Fifth Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200705/playlist>*

*You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at*  
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200705/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY #611

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

*Then pray these intercessions:*

Whether alone or with a small group, let us join together to pray to God, our stronghold, for all the needs of the world, responding to each petition with the phrase “in mercy, receive our prayer.”

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church in Arlington and around the globe. Where Christians are assembling for worship, protect them from viral infection. Where Christians are worshipping with print and screen, grant them steadfastness in your word. Strengthen those believers who doubt your goodness. Bless Pastor Linman and the members of our council and committees as they serve our congregation in this difficult time.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Grant renewal to the air, the waters, and the lands. Save the animals whose natural habitat is threatened by climate change or human carelessness, and direct us toward sustainable living. Preserve the fields of Kenya from locusts. Nourish the green spaces of Arlington.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Keep the world from war. Pave the way for just elections. Protect citizens from the designs of autocratic rulers. Uphold our courts. Guide our national and state governments in finding ways to redress the wrongs of racism and to ensure equality for all.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and suffering. Console the fearful, feed the hungry, house the homeless, shelter the run-aways. Heal the many who are newly afflicted with the coronavirus, and guide researchers in discovering a vaccine. Visit the sick, especially Don Hanson, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Jack Mulloy, and those we name here:

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for infants and young children, that they be carefully tended. We pray for teens, that they keep patience throughout the contagion. We pray for school boards, that they find solutions for the fall semester. We pray for the unemployed, that they find jobs. We pray for medical workers, that they remain healthy. We pray for the aged, especially those in care facilities, that they find companionship in your presence.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray finally for ourselves. Show us that the yoke of faith is easy; may we find our rest in you. Hear now our private petitions.

*A longer time of silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died in faith, especially the martyr Jan Hus and the monk Benedict of Nursia. Comfort all who mourn their dead, and at the end, bring us and all your people into your eternal rest.

*A time of silence.*

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion:  
**in mercy, receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, for the sake of him who bore the heavy yoke for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20200705/playlist>

## HYMN # 874

### Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing; your  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise, send  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

#### *Refrain*



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

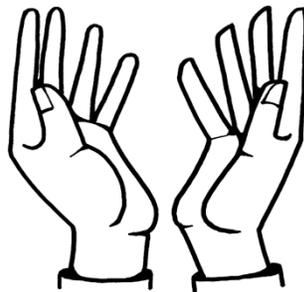
Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into the darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of the world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Then speak the Blessing:*

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.*

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
and let this food to us be blessed.  
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,  
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

**Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** (commemoration of Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415) Psalm 131.

**Tuesday** Jeremiah 28:10-17. **Wednesday** Jeremiah 13:1-11. **Thursday** Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13.

**Friday** Romans 15:14-21. **Saturday** (commemoration of Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540) Isaiah 52:1-6. **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931) Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.