

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**KJV****COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve thee in holiness and truth,
to the glory of thy name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING**Zechariah 9.9–12**

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold,
thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding
upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and
the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and
his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends
of the earth.

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners
out of the pit wherein is no water.

Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that
I will render double unto thee;

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**SECOND READING****Romans 7.15–25a**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate,
that do I.

If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is
present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 11.16–19, 25–30

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You are the Christ everlasting born for us all of a Virgin,

You have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory be to you, O Lord

But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.