

## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 28, 2015**

### **Track 2**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

God did not make death,  
And he does not delight in the death of the living.  
For he created all things so that they might exist;  
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,  
and there is no destructive poison in them,  
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.  
For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,  
and made us in the image of his own eternity,  
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,  
and those who belong to his company experience it.

#### **Lamentations 3:21-33 (CEB)**

I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait.  
Certainly the faithful love of the LORD hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through!  
They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness.  
I think: The LORD is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.

The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him.  
It's good to wait in silence for the LORD's deliverance.  
It's good for a man to carry a yoke in his youth.  
He should sit alone and be silent when God lays it on him.  
He should put his mouth in the dirt—perhaps there is hope.  
He should offer his cheek for a blow; he should be filled with shame.

My Lord definitely won't reject forever.  
Although he has caused grief, he will show compassion in measure with his covenant loyalty.  
He definitely doesn't enjoy affliction, making humans suffer.

## **2 Corinthians 8:7-15** (CEB)

Be the best in this work of grace in the same way that you are the best in everything, such as faith, speech, knowledge, total commitment, and the love we inspired in you. I'm not giving an order, but by mentioning the commitment of others, I'm trying to prove the authenticity of your love also. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although he was rich, he became poor for our sakes, so that you could become rich through his poverty.

I'm giving you my opinion about this. It's to your advantage to do this, since you not only started to do it last year but you wanted to do it too. Now finish the job as well so that you finish it with as much enthusiasm as you started, giving what you can afford. A gift is appreciated because of what a person can afford, not because of what that person can't afford, if it's apparent that it's done willingly. It isn't that we want others to have financial ease and you financial difficulties, but it's a matter of equality. At the present moment, your surplus can fill their deficit so that in the future their surplus can fill your deficit. In this way there is equality. As it is written,

*"The one who gathered more didn't have too much, and the one who gathered less didn't have too little."*

## **Mark 5:21-43** (CEB)

Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded with him, "My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed.

At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples said to him, "Don't you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it.

The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. He responded, "Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease."

While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?"

But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." He didn't allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James' brother. They came to the synagogue leader's house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "What's all this commotion and crying about? The child isn't dead. She's only sleeping." They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child's parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. Taking her hand, he said to her, "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Young woman, get up." Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.