

# The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 7

June 23, 2024

## The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from Job 38:1-18

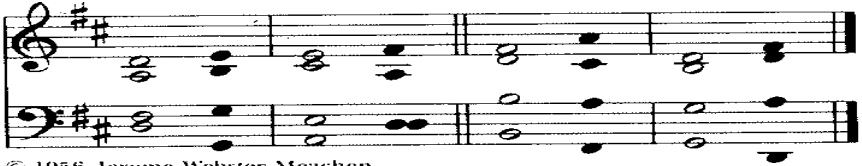
Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God 1 shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick dark ness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

*The Psalm will be chanted.*



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- 1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is **gracious**, \*  
and his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let those whom the LORD has redeemed give **thanks**, \*  
whom he has delivered from the hand of the **enemy**,
- 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the **west**, \*  
from the north and from the **south**.
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in **ships**, \*  
who carry out their business in great **waters**,
- 24 They behold the works of the **LORD** \*  
and his wonders in the **deep**.
- 25 For at his word the stormy wind **a-rises**, \*  
which lifts up the **waves**.
- 26 They are carried up to heaven and down again to the **deep**; \*  
their soul melts away because of the **trouble**.
- 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken **man**, \*  
and are at their wits' **end**.
- 28 So when they cry unto the LORD in their **trouble**, \*  
he delivers them out of their **distress**.
- 29 For he makes the storm to **cease**, \*  
so that the waves are **still**.
- 30 Then they are glad, because they are at **rest**, \*  
and so he brings them into the haven where they desire to **be**.
- 31 Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his **goodness** \*  
and declare the wonders that he does for the children of **men!**
- 32 —That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the **people** \*  
and praise him in the seat of the **elders!**

## **A Reading from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 4:35-41,5:1-20**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them,

“Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea. The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.