**Holy Communion | 5 Before Advent | 24 October 2021 8:30 am**

**Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all:  
**and also with you.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Penitence.**

**Lord, have mercy on us,**  
**and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**Confession**

Father, we have wandered from your way to serve our own purposes  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy**  
Lord Jesus, your showed us the way of salvation by which alone we may return to God  
Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**  
Holy Spirit, you counsel us to seek the Saviour.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

**Absolution**

**Glory to God *page 203***

**Glory to God in the highest,**  
**and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Fifth Sunday before Advent**

**Epistle Hebrews 7: 23–28**

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.  
For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Mark 10:46–52**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark chapter 10 beginning at verse 46 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed *page 205***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**   
**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man**   
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures**;   
**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**   
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Father, enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**  
Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**  
Creator of all,  
lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**  
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**  
God of truth, inspire with your wisdom  
those whose decisions affect the lives of others  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**  
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**  
God of hope, comfort and restore  
all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love.**  
Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**  
Give comfort to all who mourn.  
**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**  
We praise you for all your saints  
who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May their example inspire and encourage us.**  
Lord, you have called us to serve you.  
**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**  
**your love in our hearts,** **your truth in our minds,**  
**your strength in our wills;** **until, at the end of our journey,**  
**we know the joy of our homecoming**  
**and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

**Taking the Bread & Wine and Great Thanksgiving**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

. . . do this in remembrance of me.  
**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

. . . do this in remembrance of me.  
**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: **dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

. . . the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts** **make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

. . . for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Breaking Bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Blessing** **and Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **in the name of Christ. Amen.**