TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

➔ FIRST READING – Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

➔ SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of

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salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

➔ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
Reader For Shaun, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sylvia and Jean, our priests; Ken, our deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**
Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**