

O LORD, from whom all good things do come;  
Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy  
holy inspiration we may think those things  
that are good, and by thy merciful guiding  
may perform the same; through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lesser Litanies or Rogations, introduced about  
AD 470 by Bishop Mamertus of Vienne and eventually  
adopted elsewhere, are the three days (Rogation Monday,  
Rogation Tuesday and Rogation Wednesday) immediately  
before Ascension Thursday in the Christian liturgical  
calendar. The term, most frequently encountered in Roman  
Catholic and Anglican circles, is rarely used today.

The word "Rogation" comes from the Latin verb  
rogare, meaning "to ask." The Sunday itself was often called  
Rogation Sunday as a result, and marked the start of a three-  
week period (ending on Trinity Sunday), when Roman  
Catholic and Anglican clergy did not solemnize marriages  
(two other such periods of marital prohibition also formerly  
existed, one beginning on the first Sunday in Advent and  
continuing through the Octave of Epiphany, or 13 January,  
and the other running from Septuagesima until the Octave of  
Easter, the Sunday after Easter). In England, Rogation  
Sunday is called Chestnut Sunday.

The faithful typically observed the Rogation days by  
fasting in preparation to celebrate the Ascension, and  
farmers often had their crops blessed by a priest at this time

# Cottonwood Community Church

May 5, 2013

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Rogation Sunday

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 56: This Is My Father's World

Psalms 127:1-128:6

- 1 **Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.**
- 2 *It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.*
- 3 **Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.**
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one's youth.
- 5 **Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.**
- 1 Blessed *is* every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.
- 2 **When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.**
- 3 Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.
- 4 **Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.**
- 5 The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life.
- 6 **Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!**

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The Epistle: James 1:22-27

Hymn 75: O for a Thousand Tongues

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Gospel: John 16:23-33

Preparation for the Lord's Supper:

### **Let us rehearse the articles of our belief.**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into Hades.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

### **What do we chiefly learn in these articles of our belief?**

First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifies me, and all the people of God.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Hymn 50: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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### **Providence**

*Esther 8:1-8*

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Congregational Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Hymn 39: Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.