

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 10, 2020

WELCOME BY GREETERS AND USHERS

RECTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Priest and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Led by Susan Carlson.

Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

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THE READING

Read by Scott Raab.

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

Read by Dax Tejera.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

- 15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

Sung by the Parish Choir.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by the Burkhardt Family.

The People stand or kneel.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Read by KayAnn and Brian Schoeneman.

Versicle: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response: **And grant us your salvation.**

Versicle: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Versicle: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Versicle: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Versicle: Let your way be known upon earth;

Response: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Versicle: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Versicle: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Priest: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Carl Ward.

Please stand.

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us power through your Holy Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. For our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for *St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland*. We pray especially for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Mariann and Chilton*, Bishops of Washington, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: **We are your Church, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

People: **We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

** In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life; we pray for *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, and the *Supreme Court*, and all who are in authority; for the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the Coronavirus*; that all people may be fulfilled through the bounty of your creation.

People: **We are your servants, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, those different from us and those similar to us, those familiar to us and those unfamiliar to us.

People: **We are made in your image, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for calling us to the glorious heritage of your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

People: **You are the life within us, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week, *Sarah Agnew, Aimee Azzarello, Stephanie Bode, Allison Eydt, Philip Faris, Eric Generous, Jane Milliken Hague, Ellen Herndon, Brad Kosegarten, Marcus Lemon, George Miller, Todd Rich, Alex Stolar, Tim Stuart, Hilary West, and Sarah Yi.*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Katherine and Michael Aschieris, Laura and René Doucet, Kelly and Matt Hallett, Katherine and Patrick Hanniford, Dalia Zabala and Larry Lecompte.* Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially *Neil Wilson* who is in the hospital, and those who are sick and who are shut-ins. Bless those who will be born today, and bless especially *Turner Calvin Kroese* who was born April 30, 2020. Bless those who have died, especially *Nancy Lancaster* who died April 21, 2020 and *Richard Hamilton Rea* who died May 3, 2020 and in whose memory the flowers on the altar are given today, that by joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

People: **In you alone we have eternal life, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Priest: O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Read by Linda Gaines.

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Priest and People:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Priest: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Romans 15:13

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in loving memory of **Richard Hamilton Rea.**

USHERS: Earl Matthews and John More.

GREETERS: Eleanor and Peter Odom.