

MORNING PRAYER
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

OPENING SENTENCE

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

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

*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 *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
*Not with the 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

THE PSALMS APPOINTED

Psalm 24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
2 *For it is he who founded it upon the seas **
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
3 Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?
4 *Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, **
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
6 *Such is the generation of those who seek him, **
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? *

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is he, this King of glory? *

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the
wilderness; *

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM ACTS 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE: A SONG TO THE LAMB

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
 are yours by right, O Lord our God,
*For you created everything that is, **
and by your will they were created and have their being;
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
*From every family, language, people, and nation, **
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
 and to Christ the Lamb,
*Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, **
for ever and for evermore.

A READING FROM 1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
 a cornerstone chosen and precious;
 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
 and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" (VV. 1,2)

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 14:1-14

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE SERMON

Robert Fruehwirth

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, *who are in heaven*
hallowed by 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the source of all life, saying God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the grace of his holy and life-giving resurrection.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishop with all bishops, priests, and deacons may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. And we pray for churches in our Diocese especially: St. Mark's, Huntersville.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That all creation may be made new; that peace may be restored to Jerusalem and to all places of turmoil and conflict.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That all who govern and hold authority in the nations of this world may strive for justice, seek peace, and promote the wellbeing of all their people.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That with truly thankful hearts we may rejoice in all our blessings, especially giving thanks for our mothers.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, may be comforted and strengthened, especially the following members of our parish family: Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Janet, Bob, Andy & Barrie, Ed, Jim, and Joseph. That all who mourn may be comforted especially, David Arcus at the death of two colleagues David Boe and Charles Krigbaum, and those who have lost family members and friends due to the Corona Virus. That those who are sick, may know your comforting and healing presence; that the health of nurses and doctors may be guarded as they provide care; and others for whom our prayers are desired.

The people may add their own petitions

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That light perpetual may shine upon all the departed, especially David and Charles, and others for whom our prayers are desired.

The people may add their own petitions

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

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.*

HYMN: "CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION" (VV. 1,4)

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

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Alternative tunes: *Regent Square*, 368; *Urbs beata Jerusalem* (equalist), 519.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861,
 after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.;
 desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*
Ephesians 3:20

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Janet Edwards, Bob Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Ed Eastman, Jim von St. Paul, and Joseph Riddick.

We pray for those in our parish family unable to join us in worship: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, and Tom Vail.

And others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Leonel Alvarado, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Tammy Mack, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Colin & Jimena McNease, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, John Thompson, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, the families of Charles Krigbaum and David Boe, Dick Clapp, and Laura Merrill.

Pray for all doctors and nurses. Pray for all service workers. Pray for inmates.