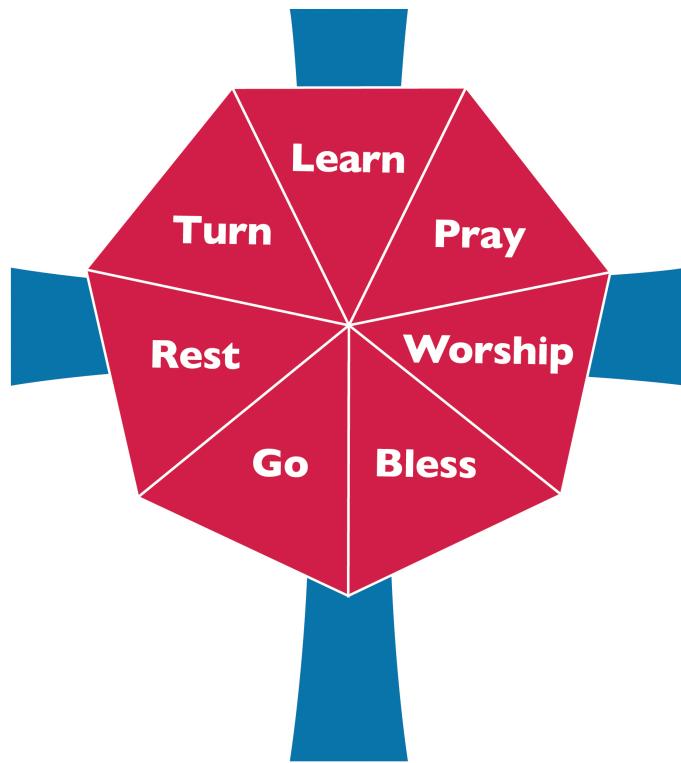


Morning Prayer for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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THE WAY OF LOVE *Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

Gather with those in your household. Light your Easter candle and take a few moments in silent prayer.

The service begins on page 76 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Opening Anthem*Be Thou Still*

Johann W. Franck

Be thou still, and learn of God. He will guide thy daily living, when in faith ye turn to Him. Therefore daily thanks be giving. He will all thy hopes fulfill. Be thou still. In this quiet learn of His will. Be thou still.

Be thou still, though dark thy way. Soon the light of love will brighten as in peace ye dwell each day. Soon the weight of sin will lighten. Seek to do thy Father's will. Be thou still. In this quiet learn of His will. Be thou still.

All stand (or sit – whatever works best for your household)

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

-Colossians 3:1

The Invitatory and Psalter (BCP p. 80)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant 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.

All say together

Christ our Passover

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

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.

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Antiphon Incline your ear to me, O Lord; make haste to deliver me.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. 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.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

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

Antiphon Incline your ear to me, O Lord; make haste to deliver me.

The Lessons

The First Reading: 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.

After the Lesson the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

After the Reading, all say together

The Song of Moses (Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

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.

The Second Reading: The Gospel of 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.”

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A Song of Faith (from Enriching our Worship)

1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Homily

The Rev. Laurie Brock, Rector

Announcements for the Week of May 10th

1. **Thank you to our Floral Guild!** We have several faithful members of our Floral Guild who are doing creative and inspired things to add beauty to our online worship. Several parishioners have contacted me about contributing to Sunday Altar Flowers, so YES, beginning next Sunday, we will recognize Altar Flower dedications. If you'd like to dedicate the Sunday Altar flowers, you can use the form on our website (More, then Altar Flower Form) or email Mtr. Laurie with your gift in honor, in celebration, or in memory of. Like last year, we are using Greenhouse 17's flower CSA, which supports women who have been victimized by violence as they make a new life for themselves.
2. **The Anniversary and Birthday Blessing is back**, so if you'd like your special event mentioned in the prayers, email Mtr. Laurie by noon on Fridays to be included. We encourage you to include a photograph that we can show during the service.

The Apostles' Creed

Saying together, all standing

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 (BCP p. 97)

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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.

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn 51 (vv 1-3)

We the Lord's people

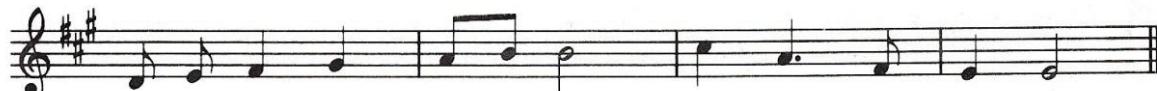
We've provided the music, so please join the choirs of angels and archangels and all who are watching and sing with us!



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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Following the hymn, people may offer prayers and thanksgivings in a time of silence.

We give thanks this Sunday for the birthdays of Jessie Baugh, Barbara Clewett, Kara Evans, Abbey Hall, and Martha Smith and the 28th wedding anniversary for Lynn and Alex Cross

Anniversary and Birthday Blessing

Eternal God, Creator and sustainer of all life: Bless, preserve, and guide your daughters and sons as they mark another year of life in you. Make their hearts ready to receive your love and free to love others. Grant them grace to grow into the fullness of Christ. Strengthen them, give them joy, and awaken them every day to the power of your saving help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, in our global distress we pray earnestly to you.

God our Sanctuary,

gather us when separated into your presence.

God our Physician,

heal those who have contracted the virus.

God our Comforter,

embrace all who mourn the dead.

God our Homeland,

mother all who are quarantined.

God our Friend,

accompany all who are alone or afraid.

God our Guardian,

protect physicians, nurses, and healthcare workers.

God our Hope,

assist researchers searching for a vaccine.

God our Mighty Fortress,

preserve our societies from devastation.

God our Governor,

guide the leaders of nations toward wise, caring and kind policies.

God of Everlasting Arms,

in you we live and move and have our being.

God our Creator,

make once again a world of sabbath rest.

God our Savior,

redeem the suffering world by your cross.

God our Light,

shine your radiant peace into our darkness.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless and preserve us. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Officiant concludes

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Officiant 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 3:20,21*

Closing Anthem *Doch der Herr, er leitet die Irrenden recht* Felix Mendelssohn

Doch der Herr, er lertet die Irrenden recht,
er lehret die Irrenden seinen Weg.
Alle, die dich fürchten, Herr,
du wirst sie unterweisen den besten Weg;
und ihre Seele wird im Guten whonen.

Now the Lord guides every sinner aright;
he teaches to sinners the way of truth.
All who fear thy name, O Lord,
indeed thou shalt instruct them in thine
own right way. And see, their spirits also dwell in safety.

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