# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 a.m. May 10, 2020



"Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"

# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

To all who are Joyful and Thankful, to all who Mourn and Need Comfort, to all who are Weary and Need Rest, to all who are Friendless and wish Friendship, to all who Pray and all who Do Not but Might, to all who Need a Savior, and to Whoever will, the Church opens wide the Door and in the Name of Christ, says "Welcome!" May 10, 2020

#### **Processional Hymn**

Hymn 195, Jesus Lives, p9 worship leaflet

### **Opening Acclamation**

OfficiantAlleluia. Christ is Risen.PeopleThe Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Rev. Canon Janet Waggoner

#### The Officiant and people pray together the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

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 Word of God

The People sit for

#### The First Lesson: 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.

*Lector* The word of God for the people of God. *People* Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (*The People remain seated and pray in unison*) **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 Second Lesson: 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.

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The People stand

**The Gospel Procession** Hymn 487, *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life,* p10 leaflet

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-4).PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

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 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Homily

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Scott, our own Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Creator are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Betsy, our Mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For this Diocese, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health; Lord, hear our prayers for those we now name\_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.** *Silence* 

Holy God, on this Mother's Day we give thanks for your love, and for all those who give us their love. We pray today especially for mothers everywhere: for those who have borne children and for those who have loved children they haven't borne. We ask your peace and blessing on those who long to become mothers, and on mothers who long for children they have lost. Give all mothers wisdom and patience, and help them faithfully care for their families. May they find in you unending strength so that they might always reflect your love and your light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Peace

OfficiantThe Peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### The Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**.

# The Easter Dismissal

OfficiantLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Postlude

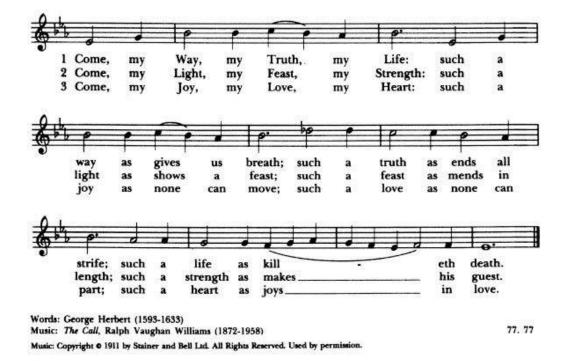
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