



## The Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am

Welcome to all, especially new comers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home.

All the material you will need is in this booklet, and the hymn-book.

About Communion: All who are baptized are welcome to receive communion with us today!

### Prelude

Entrance Hymn                    #180 ~ *He is risen, He is risen*

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus's woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore - sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning; hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome is dimming cloud yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

## Preparing to hear God's Word

*The Priest greets the congregation*

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Christ is risen.

*People:* **He is risen indeed.**

*Priest:* The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Let us pray*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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.

*People:* **Lord Have Mercy.  
Christ Have Mercy.  
Lord Have Mercy.**

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.

## Hearing God's Word

### The Collect

*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.

**People:** Amen.

### The First Lesson

**Acts 7:55-60**

*Reader:* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

The Psalm (to be read responsively)

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 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 New Testament

#### 1 Peter 2:2-10

*Reader:* A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

#707 ~ *Take my Life and Let it Be*

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

**Priest sings:** the Gospel Alleluia

*The Cantor sings:*

Those who love me will keep my word,  
we will come to them and make our home with them.

**People sing:** Alleluia as above.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** and also with you.

**The Gospel**

**John 14:1-14**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

*Priest:*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:*           Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Dalzell

## Responding to the Word of God

Nicene Creed & Intercession

*Priest* Let us affirm our faith in the Words of the 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 whom all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made truly human.  
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 worshipped 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.

### Intercessions

*Priest:* Let us pray for the world and for the Church. (*sit or kneel*)

#### Prayers of the People, Form III

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Alan and Carol, our priest Paul, wardens, vestry and delegates. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our president, and Maura, our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest; especially James & Doris Smith and Holmes C. Hurl.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our parish list: Elin Babin, David Bell, Paul Brophy, Marie Conners, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Janet Dunton, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Rick LeClair, Rachel Lesch, Robert Long, Melissa McSheffery, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Trudy Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, William Muise, Sara Murray, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Julie Stewart, Meghan Tapley, Walter, and Rachel, and those we name silent and aloud.

*Are there others?*

*Priest* Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

*People:* **Grant that what we have asked in faith,  
we may, by your grace receive  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest* Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

*A time of Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

*People:* **Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;  
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord**



*Priest:* Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in faith  
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*The Priest says:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

**People:** His Spirit is with us.

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us greet one another with the sign of God's peace.

*The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

### The Holy Eucharist

#### Offertory Anthem

Doxology \*

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*The gifts of the people and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Priest* Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**People:** Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**People:** Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you Lord God our Father,  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your reign.

**People:** **Blessed be God forever.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere,  
Mighty creator, ever-living God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your son  
Our savior, Jesus Christ,  
Who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
And lived as one of us  
By his death on the cross  
He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
And now we give you thanks  
That you raised him to life triumphant,  
And exalted him to glory.  
By his victory over death  
The reign of sin is ended,  
A new day dawned  
A broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
And with all the company of heaven,  
We proclaim your great and glorious name  
For ever praising you and singing.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honor and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* As this broken bread was many grains  
which have been gathered together and made one bread

*People:* so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" Let all who hear come! Let all who thirst come!  
Take these gifts knowing that Christ died for you, and now, risen from the dead gives  
himself to you, and feed on him with all your heart. Come!

*All who are baptized or have been able to receive communion in any Trinitarian Church are  
warmly invited to receive it with us today.*

## Responding to the Eucharist

*The following sentence is said.*

Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, the one who wants to come to the  
Father, must come through me"

*The Priest says the following prayer:*

Father Almighty,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for-ever.

**People:**     **Father,**  
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and Glory. Amen.**

*The announcements are shared*

*The Priest pronounces the blessing: the People stand*

The God of peace  
who brought again from the dead,  
our Lord, Jesus Christ  
the great shepherd of the sheep  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant  
make you perfect in every good thing to do God's will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight.  
and the +blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy spirit be among  
you and remain with you forever.

**People:**     **Amen.**

*Priest:*     Our worship in Church is over, our worship in the World now begins:  
We go into the world to walk in God's light  
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.  
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:**     **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Recessional Hymn**

#193 ~ *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

That Easter day was joined was bright,  
the sun Shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with distance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God, the Holy Ghost, we raise.

## Announcements for your Information

### Coffee Hour

All are welcome to join us for coffee after the service; if anyone would like to help with coffee hour set-up in the future, please see the posted sign-up sheet in Ashworth Hall.

### Plant Sale

A reminder that our annual spring plant sale is *next Friday*; please forward your orders to the office or Jeanne Seaboyer by **Monday (May 8<sup>th</sup>)**.

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. Dr. Paul Dalzell, Presiding Priest

Stephen Sikorski, Music Director

Ray Mears, Worship Leader & Stephen Belyea, Verger & L.E.M.

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