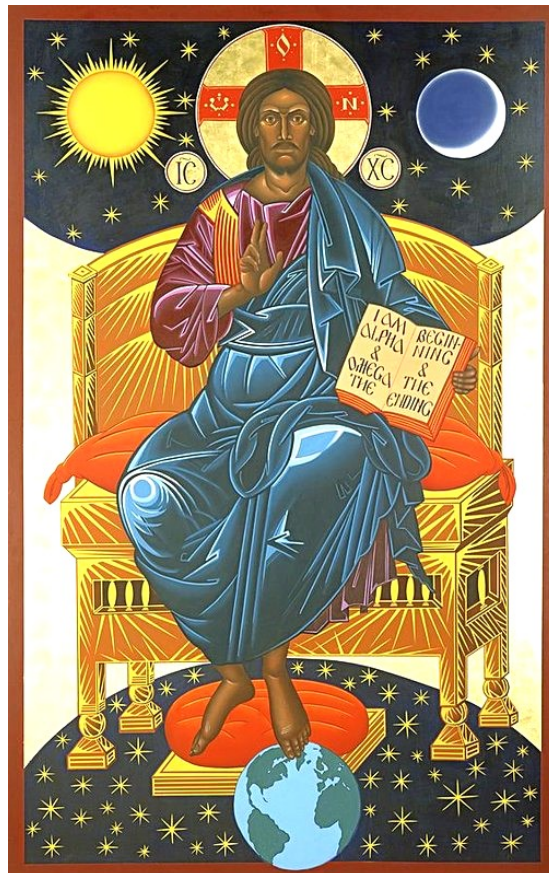


Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020
10:00 am



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hospitality +++ blessing +++ service

Welcome to this celebration of resurrection hope.
The Sundays of Easter are the most joyful days in the Christian calendar
and continue to proclaim that the evidence of a living Christ is
“not an empty grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship,
not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.”

PRELUDE

Kristin Quigley Brye

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 67

One: God’s love spreads abroad the earth like a song; it dances through history and every cultural divide.

All: Let all the people of the earth praise God!

One: The song rises among those who prosper and those who struggle; it dances above and
below all that is.

All: Let all the people of the earth praise God!

One: The song inspires melodies of delight and joy. All creation is gathered close to the heart of its Maker.

All: Let all and everything give praise to God!

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

See attached

PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, your love surprises us and brings light and wholeness whenever it is revealed. May the faithfulness of women throughout time, and especially mothers whom we this day honor, be affirmed and celebrated around the world. Thanks be to you for the hope you birth in our hearts. Accept our praise and thanksgiving, in this hour, tomorrow and always. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

New Revised Standard Version

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 7:55-60 *NRSV*

But 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.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

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1 Peter 2:2-10 NRSV

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.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

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John 14:1-14 NRSV

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.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us unite in this confession of faith:

All: We believe in God who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn; who beckons us to visit the tomb of our fears, in order to discover the birth of hope.

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, who meets us on every path; who calms our fears and invites us, to walk and talk as children of the Light.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us into a kindred community; who works through the lame and the late, the wrinkled and the newborn, the hurting and the hopeful; who nudges our prayers, kindles our longings, and prompts our praise.

We believe we are called to be Easter people who can live joyfully even in the midst of difficult realities. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen. Amen.*

SERMON

Rev. Tom Steffen

CHORUS

“Lord, Be Glorified”

TFWS, No. 2150

Piano introduces. Congregation sings twice.

***“In our prayers, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our prayers, Lord, be glorified today.”***

~ Silence ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING for the Festival of the Christian Home and Mother’s Day

One: Let us praise God for our parents, by whom our lives are ordered and hearts comforted, who bring strength to a home.

All: May God hallow their work and direct their ways.

One: Let us praise God for the gift of children.

All: May God help us to train them to be reverent and truthful, that they may gladden our hearts and bring joy to the world.

One: Let us praise God for friends to rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in times of trouble, and to lighten our tasks.

All: May God help us to repay them in fellowship and service.

One: Let us praise God for joy that unites us with others and refreshes us in our work and leisure.

All: May God help us to kindle it in the hearts of others by the gladness of our faces.

One: On this special day, let us praise God for mothers, near and far, those with us and those who inhabit the world beyond.

All: For the times they were there when we needed someone to care for us, and for the times when few believed in us and they stood by us: We say thank you.

One: Lord God, bless all mothers with all good things; bless them with health, joy, love, and laughter.

All: Keep them in your embrace, today and forever. Amen.

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Prayer of Blessing and Offertory

Doxology

No. 95

HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

See attached

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF BENEDICTION

New life has bloomed here; God’s love has warmed us. Now the world calls us, to go spread that Word. God’s grace go with you, may it sustain you, To bring us together, to praise God again.

POSTLUDE

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