

St. James' Episcopal Church

May 14, 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our mission is “*to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*”

**A warm welcome to visitors, tourists, seekers and doubters,
immigrants, refugees, the lost and the found...and you!**

We are glad you are here.

Rite II, The Book of Common Prayer
BCP= Book of Common Prayer (red), found in the Pew Rack
Words are found either in the BCP, or are printed in this bulletin.
Music is found either in the 1982 Hymnal (blue), or is printed in this bulletin.
Music with an S- is found in the Service Music in the front of the hymnal
Please sit, stand or kneel as you are able.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

“Aria, from Goldberg Variations”

**J.S. Bach
BWV 988**

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord

**Hymnal 390
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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.

Gloria

**Hymnal S-278
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let 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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

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The Epistle

I 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Alleluia

Sung 2 times before and after the Gospel reading.

The Gospel

John 14: 1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: Glory 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 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 Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carol A. Mader

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Celebrant: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin, our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Wendell,
and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Dexter, for the communities in which we live, for every city and
community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and
for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for
all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. James and 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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Lo, He Comes

tune, Hopkinton/William Billings

Doxology *(please stand as you are able)*

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of

life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

Sanctus

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The Celebrant continues

(the people may stand or kneel)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor,
glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant receives the Sacrament, and then immediately delivers it to the people. All baptized persons of any denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

The ushers will direct you to the altar area. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone. Rice wafers are available for people with allergies. Receive the bread in your hand and guide the cup to your mouth. Place your arms across your chest if you do not wish to receive but would like to accompany your family. A blessing will be given.

Communion Hymn

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

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After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God,
who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,
bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,
make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love,
this day and always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

People's Response :

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

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Postlude

Fantasia

Telemann

Praise to the Lord

Hymnal 390

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sanctus

Levas 255

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S- 149

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