

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Morning Prayer Rite Two

**OPENING HYMN: “HOLY STEPHEN, CHRIST’S DEAR MARTYR” (CHOIR)**

Holy Stephen, Christ’s dear Martyr, first to shed thy blood for him.

What bright glory now surrounds thee, Glory which no time can dim.

O, That we could share that Glory, give for him our life and blood,

Let us praise thy noble story, Told with life’s own crimson flood.

Ours it may not be to suffer like Saint Stephen, unto death;

But a service we can render, to our last and failing breath:

Ours to serve our loving Savior, ours to help his sacrifice;

Ours to give him daily homage til he calls to Paradise.

**OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)**

*The Officiant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### **VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)**

*All stand*

*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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **JUBILATE (BCP p. 82-83)**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16**

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.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.  
<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your lovingkindness save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>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.

*Silence may follow.*

### FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 91)

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

*Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children forever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>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,”

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 93)**

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
forever and for evermore.

**SEQUENCE HYMN *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)* (H 487)**

**GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from John.

[Jesus told his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>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’? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**HOMILY: THE REV. BLAKE HUTSON**

**THE OFFERTORY: “DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED”**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED (BCP p. 96)**

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

**SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Contemporary)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

**SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

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.*

**SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

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.*

**THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)**

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.

**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)**

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)**

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*

**CONCLUDING HYMN: *A mighty fortress is our God* (H 688)**

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