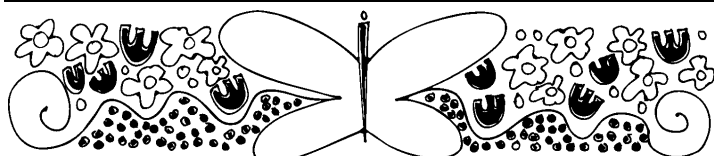




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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Morning Prayer

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant
 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Pascha Nostrum

1 Cor. 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22
 Alleluia.
 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
 Christ being raised from the dead will never die

again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 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."**

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 for ever. Amen.

A Reading from 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**

Canticle 11 – The Third Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * **and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

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 for ever. Amen.

A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

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, for ever and for evermore.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (14:1-14)

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.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

Fr. Haynes

The Apostles' Creed (Standing, as able)

Officiant and People together

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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.

- 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.**

Officiant

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.

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall

into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise. Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

That our world may know the blessings of life in you.

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

That Christ's Body may be One.

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

That we may be an Easter people.

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

That they too may share in your abundant life.

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Mukono - (Uganda), Yewa - (Nigeria), Ikara - (Nigeria), Multan - (Pakistan), Yirol - (South Sudan), Nyang - (South Sudan), Aluakluak - (South Sudan), Ikeduru - (Nigeria), Mumbai - (North India), Yokohama - (Japan), Mumias - (Kenya), Yola - (Nigeria), York - (England), Mundri - (South Sudan), Ysabel - (Melanesia), Mundu Area - (South Sudan), Yukon - (Canada), Ikka - (Nigeria), and The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially All Saints', Tacoma;

Christ Church, Tacoma; our parish, especially for our Peach Pie Buddy Group: Andy & Arren Bartels; Art & Pam Ladley; Bob Wright; Steve Dennett; Jerry Toohey; Francine Dennis; Tammie Corley; Jim & Kresha Warnock; Barbara Shirkofsky and Pamela Nefzger; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially Keith Morrison and for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, David, Jenny, Ann, Hollie, Christine, Kahlan (pronounced KAY-lin), Theresa, Beth, Justin, Sherrie, Saray, Mary, Julianne, Jerry, Kathy, Kari, Thomas, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Bob, Chris, Seattle Children's Hospital families and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, especially Bob Witter, Elaine Taylor, Jay Croft, Quinn Carlisle, and those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.
We praise you and bless you.

Officiant

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung

Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3 *Doxology*
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. Amen

The General Thanksgiving

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.**

The Blessing

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 work to
do his will, working in you that which is well-
pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

St. Matthew Mission Statement

**To be a church that passionately embraces and
values all people, growing in the love of Christ
through word and action.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!