



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020
10:45am

Welcome

Opening Songs

*Our God Saves
My Victory*

Opening Acclamation

Clergy This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
All **we belong to the earth.**

Clergy This we know, all things are connected:
All **like the blood which unites one family.**

Clergy For we did not weave the web of life:
All **we are merely a strand of it.**

Clergy For God brought us into being
All **And called us to care for Creation.**

Clergy Blessed be our God.
All **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy 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.**

Reading

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

- 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.

Gospel Song

For the word of God lives here deep in our
hearts and is sharp - er than the blade of an - y sword
Grass - es fade flow - ers fall but God's love en -
dures. Please guide us oh Lord to Your will.
This is God's Word _____

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said] “Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I’m going.”

Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart

Sung Creed

We be-lieve in God the Fa- - ther. We be-lieve in the Son. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi - - rit, three per - sons in one. And We be-lieve in the cru - ci - fi - - xion, where He con - quered death. And We be-lieve in the re - sur - re - - tion. He's com - ing back a - gain. Cru - ci - fied, suf - fered, and bur - ied, He rose a - gain. At the right hand of the Fa - ther, whose king - dom shall have no end. And the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Lord and Giv - er of life, with Fa - ther and Son are praised and glo - ri - fied. As one Church, we be - lieve.

Prayers of the People

Leader To God who so loved the world, let us pray with hearts full of love.

(A brief silence)

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for St. Paul's Church in Aurora; and St. Peter's Church in Bainbridge and their rector the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Drebert. In our Diocese, we pray especially for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals; and we also pray for and give thanks to all mothers today. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Iglesia San Andres Apostol, Amatepec, Soyapango and their priest the Rev. Alfredo Lopez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Washington DC and their bishop the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For peace among all peoples of the earth: may God redeem us from the slavery of selfishness. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For the health and sustainability of the earth and all living things: may we grow as stewards of the marvelous gift you have given in all of creation. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For this nation and our local communities: may we continually seek to offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support until all people live in justice and freedom. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those who suffer from any illness, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those we have loved but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they live forever with God in Christ. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy Hear our prayers, loving and gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

King of Kings

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

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, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Clergy May the heavens bless you.
May sun shine on you.
May the rain dance on your upturned face
May the stars make you wonder and smile.
May the bounty and beauty of the earth bless you, and may you bless the earth in planting and protest and sharing food.
And may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Closing Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Dismissal

Clergy Go now.
Go and revel in God's world.
Go and be creative.
Go and work for justice.
Go and love your neighbors.
Go and walk with God.
Amen. Alleluia.

All **Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Additional sources for today's liturgy:

General Convention 2018 Eucharist for the Care of God's Creation.
Iona Abbey Worship Book: Creation Liturgy