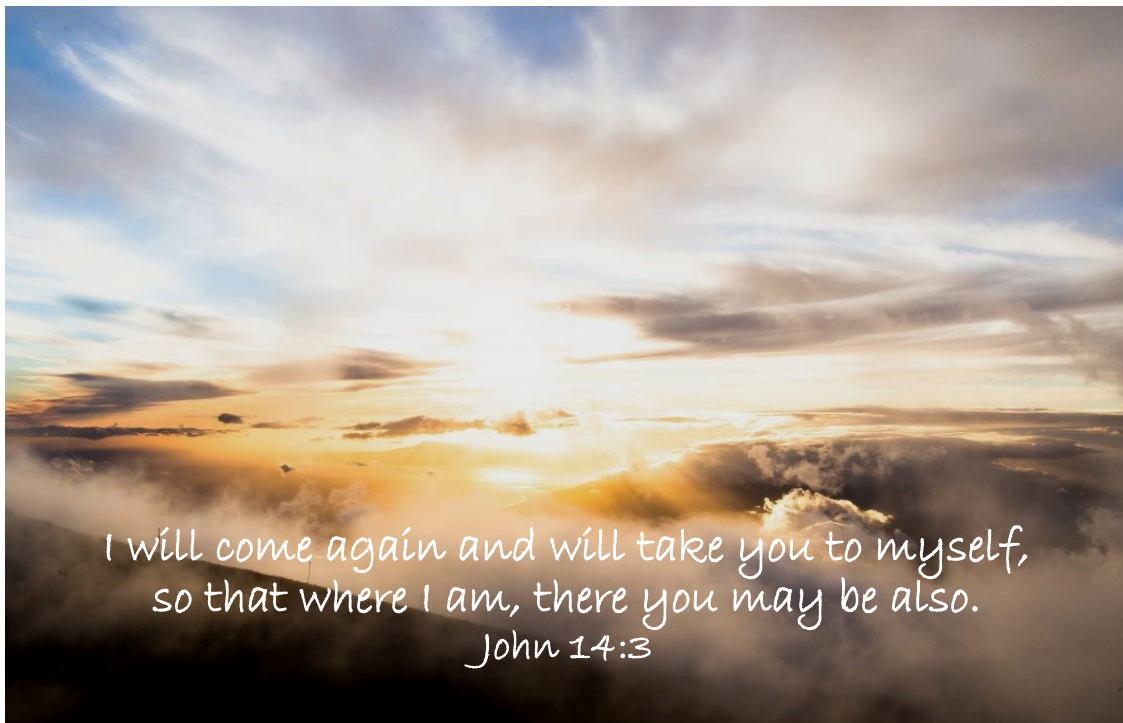


Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
and
Mother's Day
May 10, 2020
9:00 am

Livestream on Facebook

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here*



The Word of God with Spiritual Communion

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal 416 v. 1,2,4,6



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

Salutation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

S-280 *Gloria in excelsis*, Setting: Robert Powell (b.1932)

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider 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 Lessons

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

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.***

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

***for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.***

My times are in your hand;
***rescue me from the hand of my enemies
and from those who persecute me.***

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Celtic Alleluia



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The Gospel John 14:1-14

Presider 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.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

*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 of the People (Form IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially June Farle and Greg Livingston, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Together let us pray for those serving in the armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and challenges; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

Presider 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 Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Blessing of Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.
We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women
who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
May we see in their loving care, your presence guiding them.
Bless them with the melody of your love, the strength of your Spirit,

and the joy of your eternal home.

May she who gave love be carried on that day to Your divine embrace;

there, for all eternity, rejoice with family and friends.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory Anthem

Grace

Carolyn Hamlin

*Stewardship is about the offering of our time, talent and treasure,
and this joyful Eastertide is a time for all of us to be as generous as we are able.*

Thank you to those who make the work and ministry of St. John's continue.

We have made it even more convenient for you to offer a reoccurring or one-time gift online.

You will find a "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: www.saint-johns.org

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

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

***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.

Spiritual Communion

Presider

It is a tradition during the season of Easter in Episcopal churches to share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion, sharing in Christ's Body and Blood. This year is different, for while Jesus is the Word of God come down from heaven, and we have feasted on that Word, we cannot share in Holy Communion until we come back together in person. Our church allows a person who hungers for Holy Communion to share in its benefits. This is called Spiritual Communion, and it draws us together as the Body of Christ in this world.

Let us pray together a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.***

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

***Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.***

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Concluding Collect

Presider O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

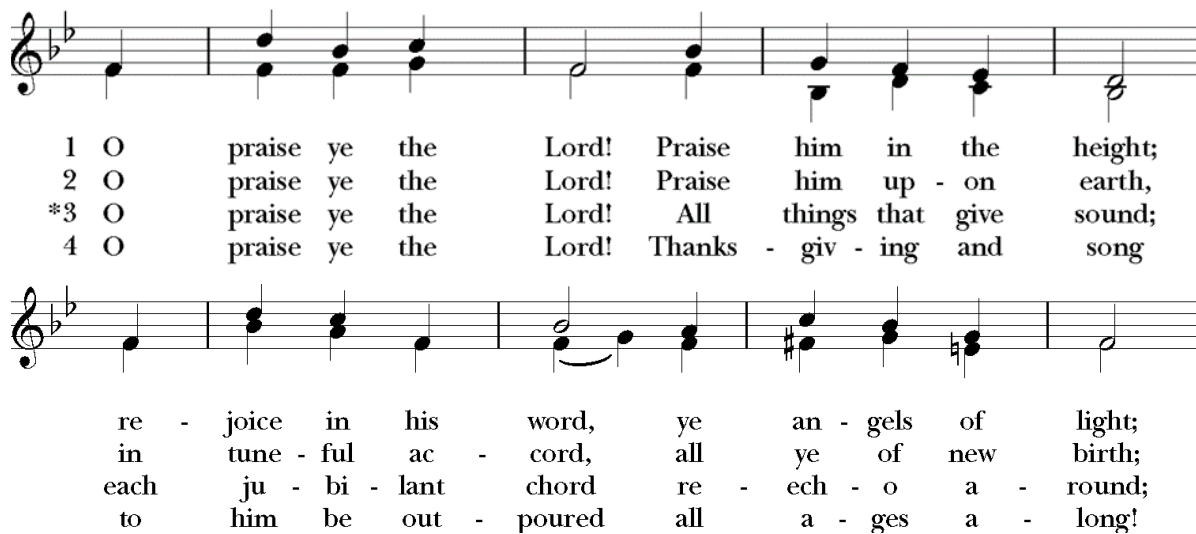
Presider God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring of love be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

(source: Celtic – Enriching our Worship)

Closing Hymn

O praise ye the Lord!

Hymnal 432; v.1-4



1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Liturgical Leaders

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| Presider and Preacher | Rev. Roger Haenke |
| Readers | Pamela, Brittain, Tom Brzeczek and Ray Contreras |
| Gospel/Dismissal | Rev. Jack Tolley |
| Prayers of the People | Rev. Cathey Dowdle |
| Psalmist/Vocalist | Jane Ferguson |
| Organist | Cheryl Seppala |
| Video Production | Cliff Berkowitz |

From the Prayer Journal of Fr. Jack Tolley

Friends. "To praise and thank God, no matter what happens."

The Kingdom of heaven more precious than any material possession we have. Jesus tells us that in Matthew 13:45-46: *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."*

Pearls were a Roman obsession in Jesus' time. Romans used the Greek word 'margarita' for 'pearl.' It is the word used in Matthew's text. Jesus makes it clear that the kingdom of God is worth far more than any pearl or possession we may have or desire. When we entrust our lives to Jesus everything changes for us. We become inheritors of a precious gift in our lives now, and when we pass on, a glorious pearl - the kingdom of God.

Blessings, love, and hugs from a safe distance, Fr. Jack.

Prayers List

Today and every day include some time for prayer, for yourself,
for your church family, and for those in need.

For our Military

Matt Jensen, Drew Shorkey, Cody Crossland, Cameron Ronie, Chariti Paden, Mark Stanfield,
Sean Robinson, Jonathan Martinez, TK Nguyen, Christopher Lindshield, Timothy Lindshield,
Jeremy Colton, David Sanchez, Jonathan Baldera, Nick Wyatt, Jamal Warner,
Matt Hernandez, Daniel Getreu, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold,
Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales and Richie Lebron.

For strength in time of need

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Rob McKay, Bill Rogers, Minnie Hernandez,
Barbara Duncan, Lorena Allen and Paul Erickson.

For the repose of the souls of June Farle and Greg Livingston.

Those unable to come to services, but thankful for their continuing connection with Saint John's
especially Lois Miller, Juanita Hart and Paul Erickson.

*(Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks and should be submitted by Wednesday.
If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: maria@saint-johns.org.)*

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