

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth RI
Spiritually Connecting from our Homes and Hearts
Morning Prayer, Rite Two



Call to Prayer: Hold On to Love by Jesse Manibusan

Refrain

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,
where joy a-bounds. Hold on to Love,
where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.
Hold on to Love.

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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.**

Christ our Passover*Sung by all*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die
In Christ's new life, shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Spoken in Unison

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."

***All 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.***

The Lessons

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Lector: A reading from the the first letter of Peter

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.**

Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Descent

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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The Gospel: John 14:1-14

A reading from the Gospel According to John.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Jennifer L. Pedrick

Meditation Song: There Are Many Rooms by Liam Lawton



There are many rooms in my Father's house.

Do not be afraid, and have no doubt;

I am going there to prepare a place.

Come and follow me, come and you will see,

come and take your rest in God's safe embrace.

The Apostles' Creed

**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

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.

The Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

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.*

Prayers, Intercessions and Thanksgivings

L: Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Guard and guide your church, especially St. Mary's as we seek to share your Risen Life and love.

Lord of life,

People **in your mercy hear us.**

B: Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, bless all who work at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, strengthen all who provide our food from the farms to the grocery stores, for all in the church who nourish us with your word...

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

L: Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, give wisdom and insight to our scientific communities, give immunity to our essential workers, and give patience for all who wait and pray from their homes.

We pray for the members of our church who are serving in medical and nursing facilities and for their families: Karen Stevenson, Sheila Benevides, Amanda Benevides, Trish Culver, Leigh Knapman, Cory Thurston Lallo, Sara Lundberg, Sue Hall, Hugh Hall, Steve Bakios, and Elaine Bakios.

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

B: Jesus, you go before us, you prepare a place for us and you heal us. We pray for those who need your care and our support remembering especially: Regina, Priscilla, Judith, Dave, Bonnie, Fran and Tom; for the Naval Chaplain School and its instructors; for those we name aloud.

(Pause.)

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

L: Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, give us courage to acknowledge the challenges of this time, to name all that has been lost, and to follow you on the Way.

We pray for all those who are grieving a loss of any kind.

We remember today Ahmaud Arbery, who was murdered two months ago in Georgia, while running through his neighborhood. We grieve his death.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

B: Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for those who rest in your peace, and for all the departed. Remembering especially John Gregson who died this week. For those we remember aloud. (Pause)

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Closing Hymn: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal-lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - er - t vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest: how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings,
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

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