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THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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Rev. Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader 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!

Pr. Barclay leads.

THE CANTICLE

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

All: 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.

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

¹In 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 de- | liver me.

³Be 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 tow- | er of strength. R

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,

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

¹⁵**My times are | in your hand;**

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love.” R

Reader from St. Mary's

FIRST LESSON 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.**

Reader from St. Mary's

CANTICLE

The Song of Miriam and Moses

(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * The Lord is his Name. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *who is like you,

glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *for ever and for ever.

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.

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE 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**

THE CANTICLE

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his
reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Fedorchak reads

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-14

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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson

THE HYMN Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way
as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
strife; such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
length; such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as
none can move; such a love as none can part; such
a heart as joys in love.

Deacon Mark Winzler leads

A LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is gracious:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

God has loved us from all eternity:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And remembered us when we were in trouble:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

God became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and was made human:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

By Christ's cross and passion Christ has
redeemed the world:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And has washed us from our sins in Christ's
own blood:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

On the third day Christ rose again:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And has given us the victory:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christ ascended into heaven:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever.

Amen.

Deacon Fedorchak leads

For the gift of the Spirit:

All blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:

All blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:

All blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:

All blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:

All blessed be Christ.

For the lives of the saints:

All blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:

All blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:

All blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the
ages:

All blessed be Christ.

Pastor Barclay leads

THE PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All say 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Deacon Winzler leads

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this
time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we
pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Pastor Barclay **COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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.*

Reverend Johnson **A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

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.

Pastor Barclay **A COLLECT FOR THIS TIME**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Johnson **A COLLECT FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

On this Mothers' Day we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully;

for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides for us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.

After each petition we pray,
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Reverend Johnson leads

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(Leader and People)*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

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.*

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

Pastor Barclay and Reverend Johnson bless the people alternating

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of
everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave
has won a glorious victory, give you joy as
you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples
with the life of the risen Lord, empower you
and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

THE HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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| <p>1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death shall never die.</p> <p>2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving healing, here and now,</p> | <p>and touching ev'ry place and time.</p> <p>3. In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.</p> <p>4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and</p> | <p>find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.</p> <p>5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.</p> |
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Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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DAILY READINGS FOR May 10-15, 2020

Monday

Psalm 102:1-17
Exodus 13:17-22
Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:5-12
Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:13-18
John 8:31-38

Thursday

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Friday

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Saturday

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29