



SAINT MICHAEL'S LITCHFIELD
Nurture Your Spirit

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A

May 10, 2020

VOLUNTARY

Chant du Mai

Joseph Jongen 1712-86

All sing
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know-ing.

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

PASCHA NOSTRUM

music: Tone 1

Alleluia.
 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
 therefore let us keep the feast,
 Not with the 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 man came death,
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

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

FIRST 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.**

GRADUAL HYMN 243

When Stephen full of power and grace

Salvation

1 When Ste - phen, full of power and grace, went forth through - out the
 2 When Ste - phen preached a - gainst the laws and by those laws was
 3 When Ste - phen, young and doomed to die, fell crushed be - neath the
 4 Let me, O Lord, thy cause de - fend, a knight with - out a

land, he bore no shield be - fore his face, no
 tried, he had no friend to plead his cause, no
 stones, he had no curse nor venge - ful cry for
 sword; no shield I ask, no faith - ful friend, no

wea - pon in his hand; but on - ly in his
 spokes - man at his side; but on - ly in his
 those who broke his bones; but on - ly in his
 venge - ance, no re - ward; but on - ly in my

heart a flame and on his lips a sword where -
 heart a flame and on his eyes a light where -
 heart a flame and on his lips a prayer that
 heart a flame and in my soul a dream, so

with he smote and o - ver - came the foe-men of the Lord.
 with God's day - break to pro - claim and rend the veils of night.
 God, in sweet for - give-ness' name, should un - der-stand and spare.
 that the stones of earth - ly shame a jew - eled crown may seem.

SECOND READING: 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Descant

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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. E. Bevan Stanley

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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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.

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.

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.

Words: George Herbert 1593-1633
Music: E. Pierrepont Minor b. 1960

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA S 120

PROPER PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S 167

Plainsong/Martens

Cantor; then All

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

COMMUNION ANTHEM

He is the Way.
Follow him through the Land of Unlikeness;
you will see rare beasts and have unique adventures.

He is Truth.
Seek him in the Kingdom of Anxiety:
you will come to a great city that has expected your return for years.

He is the Life.
Love him in the World of the Flesh:
and at your marriage all its occasions shall dance for joy.

Words: W. H. Auden 1907-1973
Music: Deen Smiley 1926-2013

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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 upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 409

The spacious firmament on high

Creation

Unison or harmony

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
 2 Soon as the evc - ning shades pre - vail,
 3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all
 with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
 the moon takes up the won - drous tale,
 move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?
 and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
 and night - ly to re - al lis - tening earth
 What though no voice nor sound
 What though re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:
 a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?
 The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,
 In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,
 does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,
 and ut ter forth a glo - rious voice;
 and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,
 the work of an al - might - y hand.
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley 1712-86

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For all those serving in the military including Daniel Tanuis, Jr., Benjamin Joseph Mager, and Daniel Jason Mager.

For protection for all people threatened with violence anywhere in the world.

For those infected with the COVID19 virus, for the medical personnel caring for them, for first responders, and for those who work in jobs to provide us with necessities.”

For people whose lives are affected by addiction, especially those who come to 12-step meetings here.

For caregivers and those they care for.

For people who struggle with hunger and poverty, especially for those who come to the Food Pantry or the Soup Kitchen, and for those who serve them.

For wisdom and courage to address the sin of racism in ourselves and in our country.

For the victims of gun violence in our land, and wisdom to address this bane in our common life.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

5/10 Day of Thanksgiving

5/11 Steve McGrath

5/12 Ann McKinney

5/13 Neil, Jennifer, Hugh & Emma McLellan & Claire & Anna Ryan

5/14 Sarah Melcher

5/15 Ken & Denise Merz

5/16 Pray for Parish