

# CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

**PRELUDE:** Prayer of St. Gregory

*Alan Hovhaness*

*Jeremy Garnett, trumpet*

*Please stand at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**HYMN 194:** Jesus lives!

*St. Albinus*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** Hymnal S 278

*William Mathias*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55—8:1a

**F**ILLED 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. And Saul approved of their killing him.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16** (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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 delliver 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.

*(Sung to 2nd half of the chant)*

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.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

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.

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**HYMN 487:** Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

*The Call*

**THE GOSPEL**

John 14:1-14

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

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

**J**ESUS 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.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all, standing)*

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**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 III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may offer their own prayers and intercessions, silently or aloud. The Priest adds the concluding prayers and collect.*

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** The Father's Love

*Simon Lole*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.  
This is my commandment: that ye love one another, as I have loved you.  
God is Love, and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them.  
If you keep my commandments, love one another, as I have loved you.  
Then your joy will be complete.

*-John 15:9-12*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

*from Enriching our Worship*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.*

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**SANCTUS:** Hymnal S 125

*Richard Proulx*

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** Elegi

*Rolf Wallin (b.1957)*

*Jeremy Garnett, trumpet*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM: Panis Angelicus**

*César Franck*

*The angel's bread becomes the bread of all.*

*The heavenly bread ends all symbols.*

*Oh, miraculous thing!*

*The body of the Lord will nourish the poor and humble servant.*

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN 432: O praise ye the Lord!**

*Laudate Dominum*

**POSTLUDE: Allegro, from Concerto for Horn in E-flat**

*Johann Baptist Georg Neruda*

*Jeremy Garnett, trumpet*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of Marijeanne Fenno Cunningham by Robert Warren,  
and in thanksgiving of the marriage of Darden Copeland and Jordan Carrier.*

## **WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS**

*If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care ([taylorasc@aol.com](mailto:taylorasc@aol.com)).*

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** Jonathan Goodwin

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church in Wales

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. James, Portsmouth; St. John's, Portsmouth; Trinity, Portsmouth

**We pray for those who are facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:**

Cami Perez, Tom Dubach, Clay Gordley, Pat Riddle, and Martha Valciukas. We pray also for Rudy and Kate Miller in their journey and ministry to Kenya and we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Sudan. We pray also for the people of Virginia Beach who are rebuilding after the tornado.

**Those who ask for our continuing prayers:**

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**Our loved ones needing continuing prayers:**

Catherine Blackwood, Eleanora Woloy Brown, Buddy Cline, Sally Corliss, Elizabeth, Ethelene, Beatrice C. Ferrario, Ginny Foot, Bea Greenlaw, Sadie Jane Hogan, Judy Holt, Tom Jenkins, Lillian Kenison, James Kilavey, Joe McQuown, Ed Muth, Stefan Perry, Jason Primm, Dennis Provost, Mavis Stapleford and Martha Valciukas.

**This week's Birthdays: May 8-14**

Chad Ballard, Dylan Bickford, Jane Cleary, Mary Daniel, Diane Durica, Wiley Grandy, John Horn, Anne Lankford, Douglas Melchor, Beckie Old-Osborne, Cameron Poynter, Susan Sherman, Virginia Thumm, Noah Van Niel, Jay Wittwer

**This week's Anniversaries: May 8-14**

Nancy Franklin and Jim Fulton