



# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Morning Prayer

Mothers' Day



*Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...*

## Prelude

### Opening Versicle

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 80*

**Officiant** Oh 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 for ever. Amen.

### Antiphon

**All** Alleluia. Christ is Risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

### Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 21*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

For you are a great God; \*

**you are great above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

**and your hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

### Psalm 31

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

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** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson**

Acts 7:55-60

**Lector** 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.

**Lector** Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people

**All** Thanks be to God.

**The Response: A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother**

Isaiah 66:10-14, *Enriching Our Worship* p. 32

*The Canticle is prayed responsively, breaking at the asterisk.*

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her \*

**all you who love her,**

Rejoice, rejoice with her, \*

**all you who mourn over her,**

That you may drink deeply with delight \*

**from her comforting breast.**

For thus says our God, \*

**"I will extend peace to her like a river, the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream. "You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and you shall nestle in her lap.**

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; \*

**you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.**

"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, \*

**you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."**

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.**

Hymn 517 (stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Tune: Brother James' Air

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 - ert 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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The Gospel

John 14:1-14

**Preacher** 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.”

**Preacher** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

*A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.*

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 96*

*Please stand, as able and comfortable.*

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he 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**

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Officiant** Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

**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.

### **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

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

### **A Prayer for Mother's Day**

**Officiant** On this Mother's 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 some day and for those whose hope to have children has 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; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

### **The Collects (Prayers)**

#### **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.**

#### **A Collect for Our Enemies**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 815*

**Officiant** O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **A Collect for the Mission of the Church**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 100*

**Officiant** O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 101*

**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Officiant** 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 that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, 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.

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 416

For the beauty of the Earth

*Tune: Dix*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

[Refrain:]

Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends  
above,

for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
[Refrain:]

Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For the Church which  
evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
thy pure sacrifice of love,

[Refrain:]

Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful 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:]

Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

## Concluding Blessing

**Officiant** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and always. Amen.

## Postlud

## Prayers of the People

*This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our regional canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Laxil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.*

*This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Parishes of the Concord River Deanery: St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough; St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury; St. Peter's Church, Weston; The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild, and all Altar Guilds.*

*Altar flowers today are given in memory of: Sandra Conrad, Louise Higgins., and Isabel Nickerson*

*In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregation Church of Needham and the Needham Police Department.*

*Your prayers are requested for Linda, Liz, Paul, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, Linda Evans, and for all serving our country – especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.*

*We are refreshing the prayer list for Eastertide.  
Please email the office with your prayers ([office@ccneedham.org](mailto:office@ccneedham.org)).*

*Thank you to those who assisted in service today:*

*Abby Carr, Lector  
Tim Lysaght, Sound Production and Technical Assistant  
Charles Raines, Organist  
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*If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](#).*



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