



May 15, 2022: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sabbatical Send Off and Confirmation Celebration

Organ Prelude

(Little) Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

[Opening Hymn 432](#)

O praise ye the Lord

Tune: *Laudate Dominum*

Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148

A Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 197-198

The Psalm is reading responsively breaking at the asterisk ().*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *

praise the LORD in the heights.

2 Praise the LORD, all you holy angels; *

praise the LORD, all heavenly host.

3 Praise the LORD, sun and moon; *

praise the LORD, all you shining stars.

4 Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, *

and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *

who commanded, and they were created.

6 The LORD them stand fast for ever and ever; *

and gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *

tempestuous wind, obeying God's will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *

rulers and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and women, *

old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *

for the name of the LORD only is exalted, and the splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.

14 The LORD has raised up strength for the chosen people and praise for all loyal servants, *

the children of Israel, a people who are near to the LORD. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Offertory Anthem

Panis quem ego, dēdero Kevin Allen (20th c.)

Edition: Charles Raines (b. 1952)

(Sung in Latin) *The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*

Music During Communion

Anthem: I give to you a new commandment

Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. *Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.* [Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.] Amen.

Closing Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Tune: *Land of Rest*

Organ Postlude

(Little) Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 557

J.S. Bach

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of:

John D. Ridill and Eileen P. Ridill given by the Ridill Family

John A. Jensen given by Karen Jensen

Your prayers are requested for Fran M., Mary S., Kathryn and family, Kim F., Eva and her family, Priscilla T., Kenna C., Pat H., Sam, Elizabeth, Sunrise, Michael G., Janet, Bill C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, Bill E., Ann, Linda F., Ellen, Gavin, Nancy, Sara, and Mike. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; Jennifer, Pastor at MANNA; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, 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 Merrimack Valley Deanery: St. James' Church, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford; St. James' Church, Groveland; and Trinity Church, Haverhill. In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregational Church of Needham and the Needham Police Department.

THOSE WHO SERVE

We need ushers this weekend: [Sign up online here!](#)

Lector: Abby Carr

Ushers: WE NEED YOU! [Sign up online here!](#)

Digital Verger: Jack Barrett

Altar Guild: Barbara Brailey, Marcia Mather, and Betsy Amsbary

Coffee Hour: The Kence Family – Alyssa, Matt, William and Christian

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