

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

## GREETINGS

HYMN 526—*You Are the Way, Through You Alone*

**You are the way; through You alone  
Can we the Father find;  
In You, O Christ, has God revealed  
His heart and will and mind.**

**You are the truth, Your Word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
You only can inform the mind  
And purify the heart.**

**You are the life; the empty tomb  
Proclaims your conquering arm;  
And those who put their trust in you  
Not death nor hell shall harm.**

**You are the way, the truth, the life;  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow.**

INVOCATION—*The Holy Name*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Way,"

**C: the only way to the Father.**

P: He said, "I am the Truth,"

**C: the very Word of God in human flesh.**

P: He said, "I am the Life."

**C: He gave His life that we may have eternal life.**

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**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*1 John 4:20; John 15:5*

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, asking God to grant us forgiveness and peace.

**C: Lord Jesus, as we confess with our lips that You are the way, the truth, and the life, we wrestle with embracing this reality in our hearts. We struggle to accept the way that You make for us through Your suffering and death on the cross. We struggle to accept the way You choose to come to us in simple water, bread, and wine. We struggle to accept the way of our own cross and suffering and believe that You are still with us. Forgive us; strengthen, renew, and lead us by Your Spirit as people who have been redeemed through the resurrection.**

P: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

**C: They stumble because they disobey the Word, as they were destined to do.**

P: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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."

*1 Peter 2:7-10* As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

**C: Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Antiphon=Psalm 149:1; Psalm 30:1-5*

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

**and You have healed me.**

O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol:

**You restored me to life from among those  
who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**and give thanks to His holy name.**

For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a  
lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

**Glory be 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.**

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## HYMN OF PRAISE—761—*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood  
From Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,—Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together...

**C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## God's Word

### FIRST READING—Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 (ESV)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parnenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on

them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>7:2</sup> And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me..."

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

*After the reading:*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7;  
Psalm 8:5-6*

**Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned Him with glory  
and honor,**

**He has given Him dominion over the works of  
His hands;**

**He has put all things under His feet.**

## EPISTLE—1 Peter 2:2-10 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”  
<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> 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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## VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

**Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL—John 14:1-14 (ESV)

*Before the reading:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

*After the reading:*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN 732—All Depends on Our Possessing**

**All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me  
And to many joys has led me,  
Is and ever shall be mine.**

He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me,  
Will remain my Help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.

When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope my heart anew will quicken,  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender;  
For on God alone I build.

Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

SERMON—"Jesus is Enough" (John 14:1-14)

**"My One Thing" by Rich Mullins**

Everybody I know says they need "Just one thing."  
What they really mean is that they need "Just one thing more."  
And everybody seems to think they've got it coming  
Well I know that I don't deserve You  
Still I want to love and serve You more and more  
You're my one thing

Save me from those things that might distract me.  
Please take them away and purify my heart.  
I don't want to lose the eternal for the things that are passing.



Cause what will I have when the world is gone  
If it isn't for the love that goes on and on, with...

*Refrain:*

**My one thing, You're my one thing  
("And the pure in heart shall see God")  
You're my one thing, You're my one thing  
("And the pure in heart shall see God").**

Who have I in Heaven but You Jesus?  
And what better could I hope to find down here on earth?  
I could cross the most distant reaches  
Of this world, but I'd just be wasting my time  
Cause I'm certain already, I'm sure I'd find... *Refrain*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## 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 forever and ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to  
you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN 721—*Lead Me, Guide Me*

*Refrain:*

**Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.   *Refrain***

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, Lead me.   *Refrain***

**I am lost if you take Your hand from me,  
I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.   *Refrain***