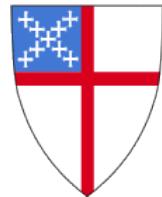


**The Lessons Appointed for Use on the  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Year A  
RCL



**May 10, 2020**

**Prelude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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**Opening Hymn 180 – He Is Risen**

1. He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
He has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice;  
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
2. Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,  
And in passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.
3. Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.
4. He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:  
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.

**Collect**

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 – Kirk Murray**

**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.

## The Response

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 – Kirk Murray

*In te, Domine, speravi*

- 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 deliver 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.
- 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 Epistle – Laura Leigh Hahn

### 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.

### **The Sequence – 460 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia!  
He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o’er, shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you evermore”?

3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia!  
Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth’s Redeemer plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

**The Gospel      The Rev. Jason Oden      John 14:1-14**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my 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.”

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jones**

### **Solo – Come My Way, My Truth, My Life**

*The Call George Herbert, Music Ralph Vaughan Williams*

### **Grace Devoid, Soprano**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### **The Nicene Creed**

**The Rev. Jason Oden**

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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.

## Prayers of The People

**Karyn Hutson**

*The congregation is invited to stand in celebration of the resurrection!*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, remembering: our enemies and any who wish us harm; the leaders of all nations and our elected officials; those serving in the armed forces and their families, and all others known to us, and all nations which suffer war, civil strife or genocide.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Be with all mothers today. For young mothers and old mothers, adoptive mothers and spiritual mothers, teenage mothers and third world mothers. For mothers of suicide and mothers of children slaughtered in war, mothers of the dying and mothers of the missing. Mothers whose children will never come home, and mothers whose home has never had children.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For those who have already lost loved ones to the virus and those who will yet suffer such loss, that they may know the consolation of your Love

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## Concluding Collect

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## The Peace

**Karyn Hutson**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace*

## **The Offertory – Hymn 199 – Come, Ye Faithful, raise the strain**

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:  
Loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Lead them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.
4. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal;  
But today a midst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**The Rev. Jason Oden**

## **The Suffrages (Morning Prayer)**

**The Rev. Jason Oden**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.  
**Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;**  
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the need, O lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, o God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit**

## **The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn – 210 – The Day of Resurrection**

**Postlude: Zion's Walls, Griff Bludworth**