



To
GOD
be the
GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that
He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in. (Fanny J. Crosby)

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 10th, 2020

The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! **1 Corinthians 5:7**

Versicles & Responses

V. Hear us, O Lord,

R. **For your mercy is great.**

V. We will exalt you, O God our Saviour,

R. **And praise your name forever and ever.**

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

R. **As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over Him.
In dying He died to sin once for all;
in living He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All:

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60 *“Martyrdom of Stephen”*

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰Then 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 Word of the Lord

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-3, 6, 11-13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

I will sing to the Lord, for his glorious triumph;
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;
the Lord Himself has become my Saviour.
He is my God and I will praise Him;
my father’s God and I will exalt Him.
The Lord Himself is a mighty warrior;
the Lord, the Lord is His Name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,
holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place,
and planted them on your own mountain
You brought them into your own house.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: John 14:1-14 *“Jesus the Way to the Father”*

14‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ ⁵Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ ⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ ⁸ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹Jesus 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”? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe

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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Word of the Lord

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the
house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets
You promised of old to save us from our enemies
from the hands of all who hate us.
To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy
covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set
us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before
you all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the
forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high
shall break upon us,
To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
forever. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and 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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALL:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done**

on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. *Amen.*

THE SUFFRAGES “A”

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;
R. **That we may know the joy of your salvation.**

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;
R. **And teach our leaders wisdom.**

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;
R. **And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.**

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;
R. **That your justice may be known among all people.**

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;
R. **That in us and through us your will may be done.**

The Collect of the Day ~ *“The Fifth Sunday of Easter”*

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 Protection

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Reflection

Special Intentions for today: for courage to witness to the saving presence of Christ by word and deed; for a deeper sense of community, even as we practice social distancing; for the opening of our hearts and homes to God's peace; and for deliverance and healing in the midst of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
A light to our paths,
And a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all persons
in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING ~ *“Ascension to Eve of Pentecost”*

Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Comments ~ *“Martyrdom of Stephen”*

A deacon of the church, Stephen, preaches salvation history before the high priest and the council, culminating in a vision of Jesus standing at God’s right hand. Those gathered are so provoked by this testimony that, enraged, they drag him from the city and stone him to death. Those stoning Stephen lay their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul, who will later become the apostle Paul. Stephen prays God to forgive those putting him to death, as did Jesus from the cross.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

A psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Comments ~ *“God’s chosen people”*

This reading presents **a series of images from the Old Testament describing Christians as a chosen people called by God to God’s service.** It is possible that the passage was once used during an Easter season baptismal liturgy. Newborn disciples are to purify themselves and, as living stones, to join themselves to Jesus, the rejected one, who now is the cornerstone of the spiritual temple. They are the new Israel, called out of darkness into light.

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Comments ~ *“Christ the way, truth, life”*

In our Gospel **passage Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life.** He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of his death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way followers will discover the truth that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true life.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

- 1. The Cathedral Church** is now fully closed. However, as the country enters Phase Two, resuming some economic activity, some adjustments were made. As we know, according to the Directive, churches are allowed to be open for weddings (with no more than 6

persons present), funerals (no more than 20 mourners) or the streaming of services (no more than 10 persons, inclusive of the officiant). In addition, they **may** be opened occasionally during the week, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. by the sexton/warden/clergy for ventilation/cleaning purposes only but not for any other use by congregants or the general public.

2. **Confirmation Classes:** Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as health conditions in the country make that possible.
3. **Household Worship:** The Cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for the fifth week of Easter begins on page 749, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, May 11th, 2020 are Leviticus 16:1-19; Psalms 56, 57 & (58); and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.
4. **Stewardship of Treasure:** During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate worship, members are asked to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral, by the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. The following options are available:
 - i. Bring the offering to the Cathedral and lodge it with the Administrative Assistant at the Office on

Tuesdays to Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The collection of food items for hampers, care packages or pantries and the distribution thereof, continue. Drop offs of items by congregants should be done only on their assigned days for doing personal business.

- ii. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.
- iii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02.
- iv. If none of these three arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.

Thanks for your kind consideration and generous response, thus far.

5. Ministry Today: The following basic ministries will be sustained during the emergency period: Administration (Human Resources, Financial and Property management); Christian Education (Bible study, etc.); Pastoral Services (Prayer, Counsel and Bereavement Support); Social Outreach (Deacon's Cupboard, SMCFA); and Worship (Streaming of services, Family worship, Daily Devotion).

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Opening of Church Offices & Church Halls: Church Offices and Halls may be opened daily, between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., only for the receipt of ‘tithes and offerings’ and the collection of food items for hampers, care packages or pantries and the distribution thereof. Drop-offs of items by congregants should be done only on their assigned days for doing personal business. No other in-person business meetings or counselling sessions or funeral/wedding arrangement sessions are allowed. These will continue to be done via telephone, email or video/audio conferencing.

Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week May 10th ~ May 16th, 2020

Ms. Valarie Y. Quintyne ~ 10th

The Very Rev'd, Dean, Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson ~ 11th

Ms. Lucille Ward ~ 11th

Ms. Jacqueline Skeete ~ 12th

Mr. Nicholas R. C. C. Brathwaite ~ 13th

Mrs. Rosemary Gibson ~ 15th



May God bless and strengthen you.

Theme for the Week

“Our dignity as God’s people is that Jesus adopted our image and likeness.”



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