

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER II  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 10, 2020



"Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

~ Psalm 31:5

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Loving God, heavenly Father, in the gift of life, you have blessed us with nurturing care and love of mothers, both those who gave us birth and those who have shown the love of a mother's heart even without children of their own. We thank you for their calm strength and patient wisdom in bringing us up so that we may love whatever is just and true and good. We thank you for their love of You, O Lord, and for their dedication to follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**Opening Acclamation**

(BCP Page 78)

*Officiant* Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. ~ *Psalm 43:3*

**Confession of Sin**

(BCP Page 79)

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*Officiant*

(BCP Page 80)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

(BCP Pages 80-81)

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People :*

*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. Alleluia.*

*Pause.*

*Officiant:* Alleluia. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## Christ our Passover

(BCP Page 83)

*Officiant and People*

*Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.*

*The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

*So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

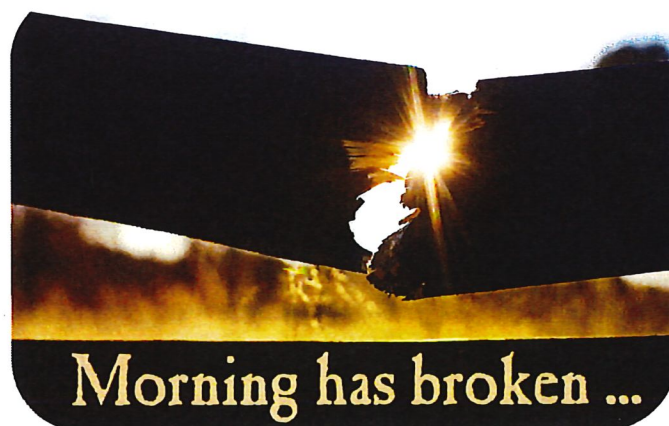
**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

(BCP Pages 622-623)

*Officiant and People*

- 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 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.*



## THE LESSONS

### A Reading from 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.

*Officiant*      The word of the Lord.

*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

### Hymn: Morning Has Broken

(Hymn #8)



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken                    like the first morn - ing,  
2. Sweet the rain's new                    fall                    sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3. Mine is the sun - light!                    Mine is the morn - ing



1. black - bird has spo - ken                    like the first bird.  
2. like the first dew - fall                    on the first grass.  
3. born of the one                    light                    E - den saw play!



1. Praise for the sing - ing!                    Praise for the morn - ing!  
2. Praise for the sweet - ness                    of the wet gar - den,  
3. Praise with e - la - tion,                    praise ev - ery morn - ing,



1. Praise for them, spring - ing                    fresh from the Word!  
2. sprung in com - plete - ness                    where his feet pass.  
3. God's re - cre - a - tion                    of the new day!

## A Reading from 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.

*Officiant*      The word of the Lord.

*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

# Hymn: When Stephen, Full Of Power And Grace

(Hymn #243)



1. When Ste-phen, full of power and grace, went forth through-out the land, he  
2. When Ste-phen preached a - gainst the laws and by those laws was tried, he  
3. When Ste-phen, young and doomed to die, fell crushed be - neath the stones, he  
4. Let me, O Lord, thy cause de - fend, a knight with - out a sword; no



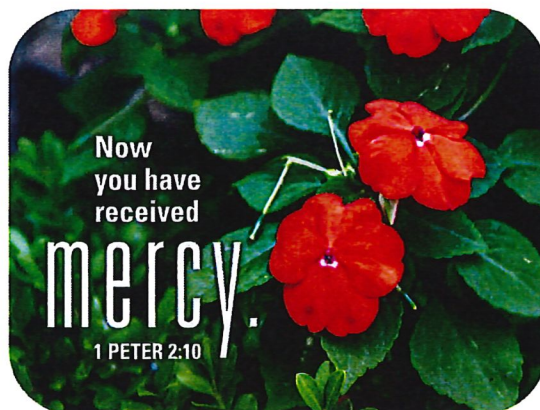
1. bore no shield be - fore his face, no wea - pon in his hand; but  
2. had no friend to plead his cause, no spokes - man at his side; but  
3. had no curse nor venge - ful cry for those who broke his bones; but  
4. shield I ask, no faith - ful friend, no ven - geance, no re - ward; but



1. on - ly in his heart a flame and on his lips a sword where-  
2. on - ly in his heart a flame and on his eyes a light where-  
3. on - ly in his heart a flame and on his lips a prayer that  
4. on - ly in my heart a flame and in my soul a dream, so



- 1. with he smote and o - ver - came the foe - men of the Lord.  
- 2. with God's day - break to pro - claim and rend the veils of night.  
3. God, in sweet for - give-ness' name, should un - der - stand and spare.  
4. that the stones of earth - ly shame a jew - eled crown may seem.



## A Reading from John 14:1-14

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."

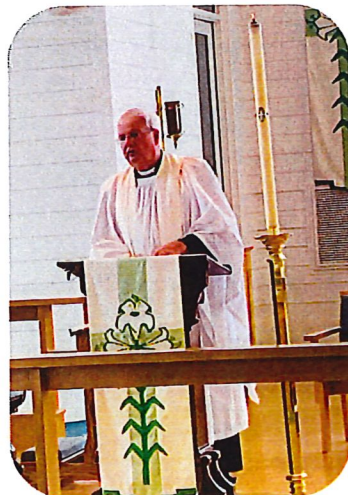
Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father 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."

*Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## A Reflection

*The Reverend Jim Friedel*



## Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*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

(BCP Page 97)

*Officiant      The Lord be with you.*

*People         And also with you.*

*Officiant      Let us pray.*

*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.*

## **Suffrage B**

(BCP Page 98)

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*
- V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. *We praise your Name for ever.*
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. *For we put our trust in you.*
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope.  
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

## **The Collect of the Day: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

(BCP Page 225)

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 Social Service**

(BCP Page 260)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Inspire our witness to your Son Jesus Christ, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Strengthen the faithful in our midst, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us to unify our hearts and minds in our love and service to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.*

## Offertory

(BCP Page 376)

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.*

*~Ephesians 5:2*

## A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*Officiant and People*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 101)

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

# Hymn: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

(Hymn #487)



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can



1. breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a  
2. feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a  
3. move; such a love as none can part; such a



1. life as kill - eth death.  
2. strength as makes his guest.  
3. heart as joys in love.

## The Blessing

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

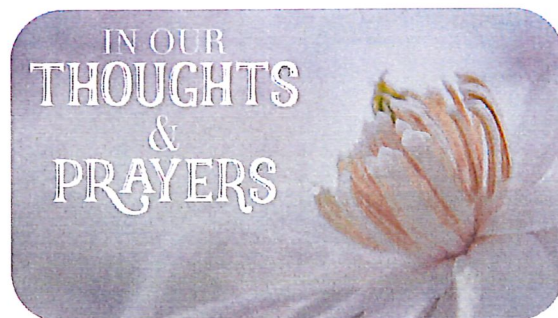
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

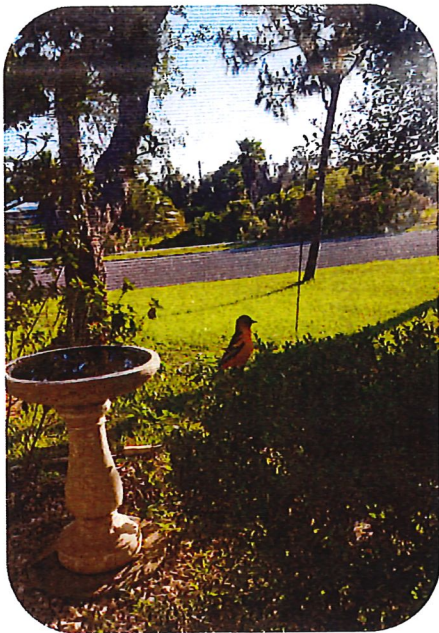
*Officiant* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*





Charlene and Steve Williams are enjoying having the time to "stop and watch" not only these beautiful Baltimore Orioles in their yard, but other natural beauty that surrounds them.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT  
AND  
BEAUTIFUL FROM OUR  
PARISH FAMILY  
& FRIENDS



Joyce Clarkson with their rescue, Mr. T. We think Joyce and Steve are as happy with their new kitty, Mr. T. as he is for having them!

# HAPPY Mother's Day

Vallerie Farmer is the happy voice that sings, lay reads, and assists with Altar Guild.



Jennie Taylor says "staying connected with David via FaceTime makes me happy!"



*Finding some humor during the quarantine. ~Dan Pugh*