

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.**

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*We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.*

## **Welcome**

*Steven Mackison*

## **✠ The Easter Greeting**

*Officiant: Susan Haig*

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Priest:* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People:* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Glory to God - *Taizé*

*Led by Will Reid*

## **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Alleluia!**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

*Marg Creal*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he 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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*Acts 7.55-60*

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Refrain:**



In -to your hands, O God, I com -mend my spi -rit.

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, who are the God of truth. **Refrain**

"My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me." **Refrain**

**Second Reading**

*David Burt*

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2.2-10

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

*Song:* The Call (*From 5 Mystical Songs – Ralph Vaughan Williams*)

*Michael Broder & Jill Daley*

*(Recorded)*

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.

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.

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.  
- George Herbert

## **The Gospel**

*Roshni Jayawardena*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 14.1-14

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

*Steven Mackison*

*We pause for music and meditation.*

**Meditation Song:** “We Are Not Alone” – *Pepper Choplin*

*Virtual Choir (Recorded)*

We are never alone, for God is with us.  
Now, through all our days, always.  
For ever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us.  
We will press on, for God is with us.  
Now, through all our days, always.  
For ever and ever, we are never alone.

Hymn: #231 (Common Praise) "That Eastertide with Joy was Bright"

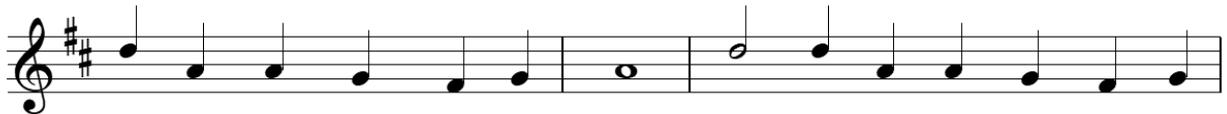
*Dan Norman, Lorelle Angelo & Will Reid (Recorded)*



1. That Eas - ter - tide with joy was bright;  
2. He bade them see his hands, his side,  
3. From ev - ery weap - on death can wield  
4. Je - sus, the king of gen - tle - ness,



the sun shone out with fair - er light, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! when,  
where yet the glo - rious wounds a - bide; al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! the  
thine own re-deemed for - ev - er shield: al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! O  
do thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! that



to their long - ing eyes re - stored, the a pos - tles saw their ri - sen  
to - kens true which made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a -  
Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter -  
we may give thee all our days the tri - bute of our grate - ful



Lord. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
- gain. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
- tide. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
praise. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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## The Prayers of the People

*John Castillo*

*Leader:* As we are God's dwelling place here on earth, let us pray for the church. Loving God, our life is in your hands, and we offer you all that we are, all that our past has made us, and all that we may become. Build us up by the power of your Spirit into a spiritual temple where you are glorified day after day, in all our praise and worship and in our love for one another. We pray to you, risen Lord:

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* As one human family, given shelter on this sacred earth, let us pray for the world. Living God, our planet, with its frenzied life on its fragile skin, is unnervingly small and vulnerable to evil. Sharpen our consciences to sense your desire for what you have created, that we may cherish all that you have entrusted to our care. Guide our leaders in the way of truth and give them the courage to act with justice and equity for all they serve. We pray to you, risen Lord.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* As ones whose hearts are troubled, we pray for the sick and the suffering. We pray for those whose lives are full of disappointment, disillusion and discontent, and for all who burdened by suffering, loneliness, or loss. Lift the veils of fear and doubt from the eyes of those who long to see your unbounded love, comfort those who desire your compassionate embrace, and bring healing to all who long to be made whole. We pray to you, risen Lord.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* As ones seeking the way, that we may dwell with you forever, we pray for those who have died. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort their loved ones and lead us all to our eternal home. We pray to you, risen Lord.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* As ones whose hearts are grateful, we give you praise. Holy God, we thank you for showing us the Way. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, 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 for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #545 (Common Praise) “We Will Lay Our Burden Down” *Led by Mike & Jill Daley*



1. We will lay our bur - den down, we will lay our bur - den
2. We will light the flame of love, we will light the flame of
3. We will show both hurt and hope, we will show both hurt and
4. We will walk the path of peace, we will walk the path of



down, we will lay our bur - den down, in the hands of the ris - en Lord.  
love, we will light the flame of love, in the hands of the ris - en Lord.  
hope, we will show both hurt and hope, in the hands of the ris - en Lord.  
peace, we will walk the path of peace, in the hands of the ris - en Lord.

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## The Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Announcements

*Steven Mackison*

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