



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ❖ May 10, 2020

Liturgy for Worship ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Officiant may say

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.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Epistle **1 Peter 2:2-10**

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 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 Gospel Reading John 14:1-14

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily Amelia McDaniel

The Prayers of the People

Leader In this holy season of the Resurrection of Jesus who will never leave us alone or comfortless, give us the eyes of faith that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; and with all our hearts say,

People **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

Leader We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult right now:
(Silence.)

Leader We hold before God all those who are sick or suffering especially during this worldwide outbreak of illness, that each may know the comfort of your loving, healing Spirit.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader We hold before God all doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and all care-givers, all public health officials and those whose wisdom is needed to guide us towards renewed health and life.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader We hold before God all those who may be especially vulnerable and who may be lost or forgotten, that the Spirit of the Good Shepherd may be alive among your people and bring them home.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader We hold before God all those who hold the public trust as our elected representative and leaders, that you would endue them with your wisdom and love, for the benefit of the whole human family and for your glory.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader We hold before God this parish family and the mission of your Church throughout the world, that you would knit us together in the powerful bonds of your love that draw your Kingdom near.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader We hold before God those who are disappointed in something which they had hoped for very much, and for those who are sad because someone they loved has died, especially remembering Joy Massie and George Moncure.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader We hold before our loving God, our Shepherd who supplies our every need, our grateful hearts in thanksgiving for the unexpected joys of this life, for the gifts of human kindness we see every day, and for new life.

People **For the sake of your Name, lead us and guide us.**

Leader O God who raised your blessed Son from the tomb of death and has made the whole creation new, grant that we may hear his voice and lead us, even now, from death to life, for his tender mercy's sake.

People **Amen.**

Leader These and all our prayers we offer as we pray together,

Leader and People

**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.**

Confession of Sin

BCP, page 360

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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 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 Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

--The Book of Common Prayer, page 461

**Participants in this morning's service**

Preacher: Amelia McDaniel; **Officiant:** David H. May; **Lay Readers:** Marshall Bowden and Jack Ireland; **Intercessor:** Patsy Simril; **Musicians:** Sophia Nadder, Katharine Tibbetts, and Ryan Tibbetts, *Organist and Choirmaster*

**The Parish Prayer List**

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashey, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Melissa Evans, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham,

Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Betsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, Cindy and Dave Horowitz, Donna Marie Joy, Betty and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Katherine Mezger, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, *Dick Sage*, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, *Bob Swinson*, Otissay Thompson, Robin Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children**, especially Claire and Adam Hahn. **For those who have died**, *especially remembering Joy Massie and George Moncure*. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and the Most Reverend Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya*. **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.