



26 Washington Street

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May 2020

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

ORGAN - *Concerto in G*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 47 - *Gott sei Dank*

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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. (7:55-60)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *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."

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

THE SECOND LESSON - *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 des-

tinued 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. (2:2-10)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 457 - St. James

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples, "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." (14:1-14)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In Christ Jesus, dead and risen, we recognize the saving plan of God and come to believe in the power of God's redeeming love. With Easter faith, let us present our prayers to the God of mercy.

Assisting Priest That Christian Churches, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Bishop retired, and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, may persevere in faith and bear witness to the unifying power of the Holy Spirit,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That nations and peoples may rejoice in the blessings of peace and justice,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That our suffering sisters and brothers, especially the sick of our parish and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, may have their sorrow turned into lasting joy,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That our parish community may build up the spiritual temple of God in our midst,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who have died, may enjoy fullness of life with the risen Christ, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, we thank you for calling us to be a holy people in Jesus Christ, our way, our truth, and our life. Hear the prayers we offer, so that we may speak his words and do his works for the salvation of all. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day. Bless this parish and its leaders as we expand to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

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

The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 518 – *Westminster Abbey*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II* *Prayer Book, page 340*

PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal 797*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER *Prayer Book, page 334*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM *Prayer Book, page 337*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *Prayer Book, page 337*

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI, *from Missa Resurrectionis* Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

HYMN 432 - *Laudette Dominum*

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Albany

Our Parish

Church of Kenya

Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mothers on Mother's Day

All mothers

Even though the church is closed for worship in person, our PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT is working from home and is available for calls and emails from 9am until 2pm Monday and Thursday; 9am until 3pm Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9am until 12:30pm on Friday.

SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: It was great to see those who attending our virtual Coffee Hour. We would love to see you at our next one. To participate please send an email to office@bethesdachurch.org to request the Zoom link if you have not done so previously. Unfortunately, we cannot post the Zoom link on our website or social media given the well-publicized issues with 'open' meetings, so we need to receive your request. If you want technical help with Zoom, please put that request in your note. We plan to have this virtual coffee hour each Sunday at 12:30.

SUNDAY VIDEO BY DEAN VANG: Dean Vang's Holy Week videos were very well received, and he is again working with Look TV to create videos of similar length for upcoming Sundays. The videos will be available at bethesdachurch.org and www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch. As always, call the office at 518-584-5980 or email office@bethesdachurch.org with questions or concerns!

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STIMULUS FUNDS: Bethesda was the fortunate recipient of stimulus money to help us pay for payroll and related staff expenses for approximately six pay periods (every two weeks). This is a difficult time for many individuals, families and businesses. We are grateful for this blessing and for those who are able to continue the financial support of our church during this pandemic.

NEW PARISH HOUSE & COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: Bethesda's representatives will appear before the City's Design Review Commission on April 29. Bethesda's project is #5 on the agenda and the meeting commences at 6:30 pm. The meeting is being held virtually through Zoom. Your prayers for a successful outcome are welcome.

THE PARISH VESTRY

<u>Churchwardens</u>		
<i>Class of 2020</i>		<i>Class of 2021</i>
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THE PARISH STAFF

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*
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