

## 5. 10 May 2020 – Easter - Online Sunday Morning

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1

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.** Psalm 118.24

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

*2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite) [Psalm 95](#)*

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it:

his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice:

‘Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

‘When your forebears tested me:

put me to proof though they had seen my works.

‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:

“It is a people who err in their hearts,

for they do not know my ways”;

‘Of whom I swore in my wrath:

“They shall not enter my rest.”

*or the Easter Anthems (page 423) may be used during the Easter season.*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

so let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the 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 since by one man came death:

by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Confession*

*A pause for self-examination, the Confession and Absolution (see note 1) may be used here.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Absolution. Standing, the priest says*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon us and set us free from all our sins,  
strengthen us in all goodness  
and keep us in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

**Psalm 31. 1-5,17-18**

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
let me never be put to shame.
2. **O deliver me in your righteousness:  
Incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
For you are my high rock and my stronghold.
4. **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:  
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,  
for you are my strength.**
5. Into your hands I commit my spirit:  
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
17. **All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.**
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.

*5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Lord God, whose blessed Son rose in triumph and set us free:  
grant us the fullness of life he promised us,  
that through the Holy Spirit our hearts may possess him whom our eyes cannot see,  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### 1st Reading

**A reading from the book of Acts chapter 7 beginning at verse 55. (55-60)**

<sup>55</sup>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.

<sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'

<sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

<sup>58</sup>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.

<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'

<sup>60</sup>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.

Hear the word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

### 2nd Reading

**A reading from the first letter of Peter chapter 2 beginning at verse 11. (2.11-25)**

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul.

<sup>12</sup>Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

<sup>13</sup> For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme,

<sup>14</sup>or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.

<sup>15</sup>For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.

<sup>16</sup>As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

<sup>17</sup>Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh.

<sup>19</sup>For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that?

But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 14 beginning at verse 1. (14.1-14)*****Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

14'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup>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?

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him,

'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him,

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

<sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him,

'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

<sup>9</sup>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"?

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

<sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord*****Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*7 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus) Luke 1.68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God 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 his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, 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 his way,

To give his 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 on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come 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.**

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**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.**

*10 The Collect of the Day*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Everliving God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
give us grace to love one another,  
to follow in the way of his commandments,  
and to share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saving God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;  
through him who died for us and rose again  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created  
and by whose love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*13*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13.14