

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

MAY 10, 2020 AT 10:00AM



First Free Church of Pennsylvania

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During this time when we aren't able to be together physically, we invite you to join us in other ways. Please check our [Website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) pages regularly for new information and video messages. If you are in need of groceries, medicine, or any other essentials please let us know by calling (717) 299-1188 or emailing equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

OPENING HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation!

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION


Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Surely it is God who saves me*



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing,
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 35:1-5, 15-16

- 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."

SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:10-19

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.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Come, my way, my truth, my life*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, a my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 14:1-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE HOMILY

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. *(pause)*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Feasting on the Word Worship Companion)*

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world, that all who profess to honor the risen Lord may be faithful in their witness and courageous in their testimony to the way of Jesus: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For pastors, teachers and ministers, and especially for our Bishop, Audrey, for our clergy and staff, Amanda, Matt, Equilla, Gina, Maria, Rich, and Paul. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for St. Mark's, Northumberland and the Anglican Church of Kenya that by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may seek to build the church upon Christ, the cornerstone, and humbly lead in faithful service; God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For the governments of the world and its leaders, especially Donald our President, Tom our Governor, and Danene our Mayor, that the nations may dwell in peace, that good will prevail over strife, and people of faith may freely worship as their hearts direct: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For rain and sun in proper measure, and for abundant food and water for all who dwell upon the earth: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in need, especially Ricky Smith, for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul, and for those suffering from COVID-19: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and those who will die today, may they rest in peace and rise in glory especially those whom you would name: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For our neighbors that we may live together in amity, and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

For our enemies, that their sins may be forgiven them and that they may find your peace: God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, your Son promised to grant whatever we ask in his name. By your Holy Spirit empower us to minister to the world as his faithful disciples that our work may testify to what we pray and show forth your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *(take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!)*

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

AN OFFERING FOR MOTHER'S DAY

(written by The Rev. Leslie Nipps, Women's Uncommon Prayers)

On this Mothers' Day, we pray in thanksgiving for the divine gift of motherhood in all its many forms. We pray for all mothers; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who have loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for those who hope to be mothers someday; for all whose yearning to have children has been frustrated; for those mothers who, through death or separation, no longer see their children; and for those among us who have mothered others in need: *[a time of silence]*. Lord, for all those who mother,

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE OFFERTORY

During this unprecedented time, giving is crucial to our health and viability. Please consider this a time of reflection and an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing ministries of St. John's. Contributions can be mailed to the church office (321 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603) or given online at <https://stjohns-lancaster.org>. Thank you!

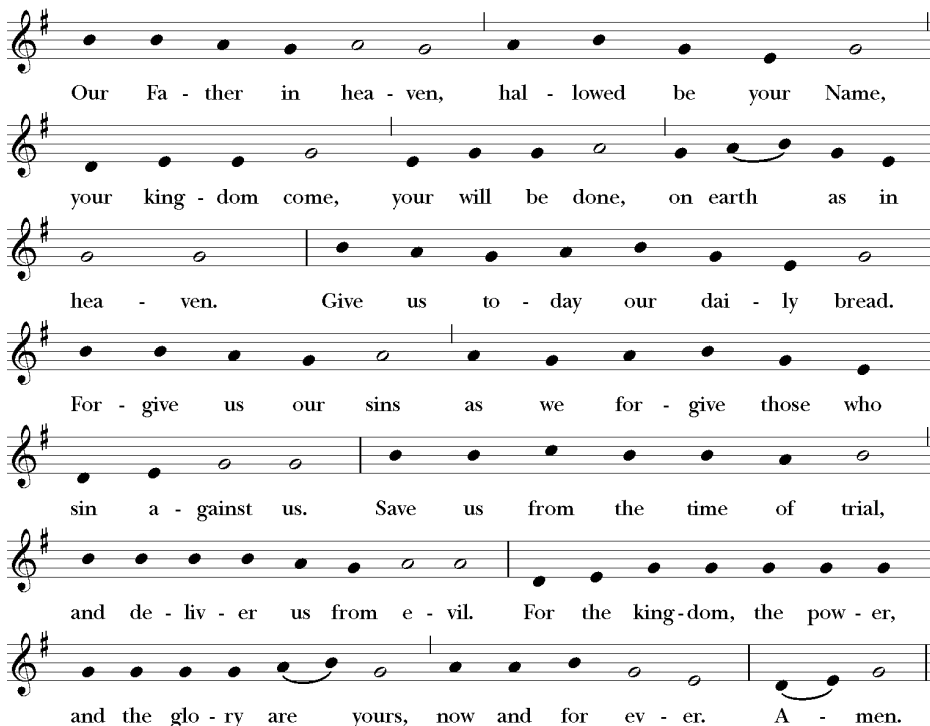
MUSICAL OFFERING

The Lord of the Dance

arr. D. Hart

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE CANNOT RECEIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, we join in offering the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving to you. We present to you ourselves, our souls and our bodies, with the earnest longing that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot receive the Holy Sacrament, come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and love you with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength. Let nothing ever separate us from you. Let us live and die in your love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

The musical score is written for a five-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with five parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Vruuchten

A. Bullard

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Zoom)
11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

12:00 p.m. Prayer (Facebook Live)
4:30 p.m. Youth Group (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Signs of Life (Adult Formation on Zoom)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

12:00 p.m. Bible Study on Miracles (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Men's Gathering (Zoom)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

12:00 p.m. Betty Finney Memorial Garden Beautification Project

SATURDAY, MAY 16

12:00 p.m. Betty Finney Memorial Garden Beautification Project

WEEKLY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your continual support of our food pantry ministry. Your contributions of nonperishable items (left on the back porch of Becker House and collected by staff) and donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. Thank you for being good news to those in need. The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30—3:30 p.m. If you know someone who can't get to St. John's please let us know, so we can deliver food to them!

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GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE