

"Where All Are Welcome . . . No Exceptions!"

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Prelude *Voluntary on "Lasst uns erfreuen"*

R. Lind

Voluntary on "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Arranged and Performed by Sheridan Seyfried for more information

check out Celtic to Classical www.celtictoclassical.com

YouTube performance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRAnOd4pcns>



Processional Hymn (Please stand as able)

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#205 | "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Children's Chat - Robert Freeman

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant 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.**

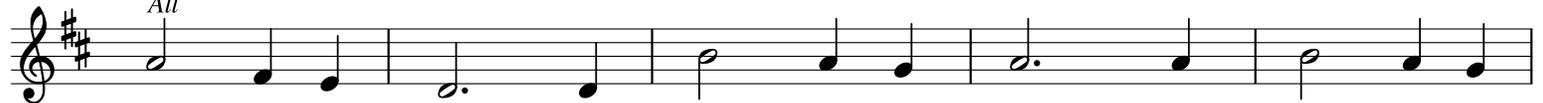
Canticle of Praise: *This Is the Feast*

Celebrant



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1. Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow- er and rich- es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon- or and bless- ing and glo- ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glor - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

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.

People ***Amen.***

First Reading *(Please be seated)*

Reader A Reading from The Acts of The Apostles:

Introduction to the First Reading

Stephen was one of seven men the apostles chose to serve tables so that the apostles could devote themselves fully to serving God's word. Stephen, though, does more than distribute food. For proclaiming Christ, he becomes the first Christian martyr.

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 of the Day

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16



You have re - deemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

In you, O LORD, 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. [ANT.]

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.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength. [ANT.]

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
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.” [ANT.]

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Second Reading

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Introduction to the Second Reading

In this reading we are taught that Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s people, holy people who continuously celebrate God’s grace received through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:2-10

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.**

Sequence Hymn (Please stand as able) - Please see page 9

Insert | “You Are the Way”

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel (The Gospel is carried into the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.)

John 14:1-14

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand as able*)

*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.*

*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.*

The Prayers of the People *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Let us call upon God to hear our prayers and to grant us those things that are in accord with the divine will.

For Christians who are imprisoned and persecuted for their faith that, like Stephen, they may follow the light that casts out all fear; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

That we may do the works that Jesus revealed in his ministry, the healing of the sick, the raising up of the lowly, the giving of sight to the blind, and the blessing of the poor and the grieving; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For those who are spiritually lost, or who question their faith, or whose souls are wrapped in the shadows of doubt, that they may share their misgivings with Jesus, who gently unfolds the truth and reveals a way; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

That the Church, the community of the baptized, may vigorously proclaim the alleluias of Easter, revealing the light of Christ, whose victory over death breaks the chains of darkness and despair; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for the beauty that is set before our eyes, and for the mysteries yet unseen, that we may honor the expansiveness of creation and be guardians of its splendor; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for missionaries throughout the world, who reveal God's Word in challenging times and places; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

That the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

As a chosen people who share the royal priesthood of Christ, let us add to these petitions. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)

(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)

The Confession of Sin *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

Reader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be 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.***

The Absolution

Celebrant 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 *(Please stand as able)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR
Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

Offertory Sentence & Interlude

Doxology *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung.
Please stand as able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Offertory Hymn

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,	
<i>People</i>	<i>Our Father, who art in heaven,</i>	<i>as we forgive those</i>
	<i>hallowed be thy Name,</i>	<i>who trespass against us.</i>
	<i>thy kingdom come,</i>	<i>And lead us not into temptation,</i>
	<i>thy will be done,</i>	<i>but deliver us from evil.</i>
	<i>on earth as it is in heaven.</i>	<i>For thine is the kingdom,</i>
	<i>Give us this day our daily bread.</i>	<i>and the power, and the glory,</i>
	<i>And forgive us our trespasses,</i>	<i>for ever and ever. Amen.</i>

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Post Communion Prayer *(Please kneel or be seated)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People *Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made.*

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your presence, that as we lament our separation from one another during this time of disease, we may continually show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn *(Please stand as able)*

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#618 | “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude “Trumpet Finale” *Domenico Gabrieli*

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Easter

1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923)
 Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

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Sequence Hymn

"You Are the Way"



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

DUNDEE
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1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
 *5 Christ, thou art our glor - ious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;
 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
 Son of God, as Savior given;
 on the cross thy dying breath
 opened wide the realm of heaven.
 In the glory of that land
 thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
 Savior, who hast died to win us.
 help thy servants, drawing near.
 Lord, renew our hearts within us.
 Grant that with thy saints we may
 dwell in everlasting day.

Words: Para. of *Te Deum*, Sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900).
 Sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Grosser Gott* melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantate*, 1851;
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

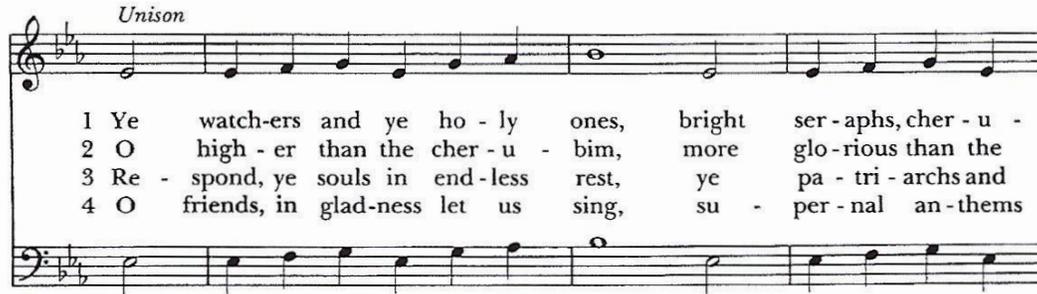
Recessional Hymn

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"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

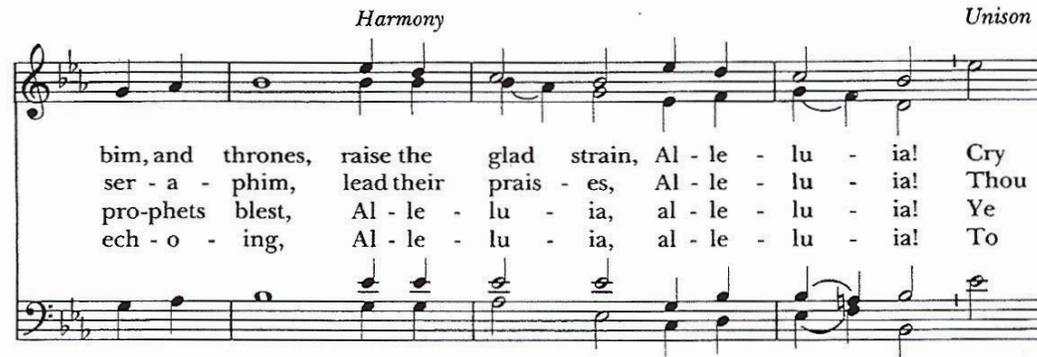
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Unison

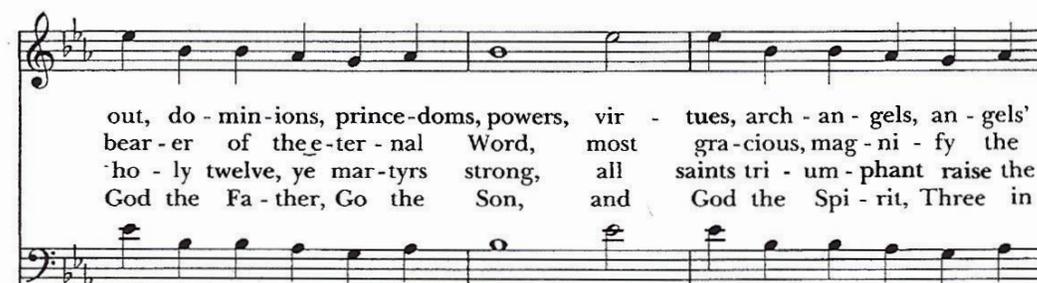


1 Ye watch-ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
'ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant raise the
God the Fa - ther, Go the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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