



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

May 14, 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #1 in *The Hymnal* (blue book) *Christe sanctorum*
Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book).

The Word of God

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

Glory to God in the highest *Gloria* Robert Powell
The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 280.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSONS

The people sit.

Acts 7:55-60

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. '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 31:1-5, 15-16

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."

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 marvellous 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.**

Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN #205 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

Gospel

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

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

John 14:1-14

'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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed, page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Prayers of the People, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

Confession of Sin, page 360 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Peace

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #306 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Sursum Corda

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

Doxology (*sung*)

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

Robert Powell

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 129.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Bread or Wine, you are welcome. Come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.

Post Communion Prayer, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

CLOSING HYMN

#193 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

That Easter day with joy was bright

Puer nobis

The Dismissal

Deacon: Bendigamos al Señor. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.*)

People: **Demos gracias a Dios. Alleluia, alleluia.** (*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*)

POSTLUDE

Russian Easter Overture (based on orthodox liturgical chants)

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's offers a work-day Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:10.

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

HUB (Helping Urban Bicyclists) needs your financial support. Donation of bicycles, or parts, are also welcome. See Deacon Steve for additional information.

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Diocese of San Joaquin

The Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin is the gathering of Episcopalians in central California's San Joaquin Valley from Bakersfield to Lodi. Our mission vision is "called to be." It's an acknowledgement and a celebration that we are called by God into being in our specific time and location. Called to a particular purpose and way of life. The dot-dot-dot reminds us that we don't have to have all the answers, that we need to be always open to the new things that God may be inviting us into, to the new places that following Jesus will lead us. Most recently the dot dot has been inviting our churches and members to discover what Jesus is doing in the lives of our sisters and brothers who live on the streets, in the lives of those who suffer human trafficking, both sex and labor trafficking, in the lives of those behind bars and their families, in the lives of others on the margins, and often invisible. We are called to be caught up in the Jesus Movement, following Jesus wherever he leads us, beyond the walls of our church buildings, serving others with care and compassion, working for justice, living with both hope and purpose who God is calling us to be.

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