

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 2020



St. Armands Key Lutheran Church

## PRELUDE

## MEDITATION

“I feel the love of God”

W. A. Mozart

*Kelly Collins, choral scholar*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*P.* In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

*P.* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

*P.* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*P.* Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P.* In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

## GREETING

*P.* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**





1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our  
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
 weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,  
 bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.  
 where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
 gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P.* Almighty God, your 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 with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

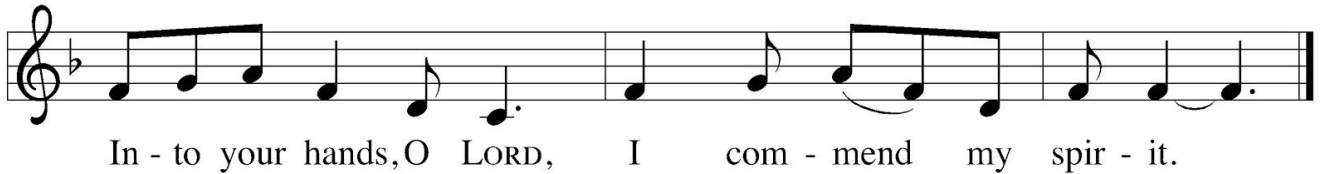
55 Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 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. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord

Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 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.

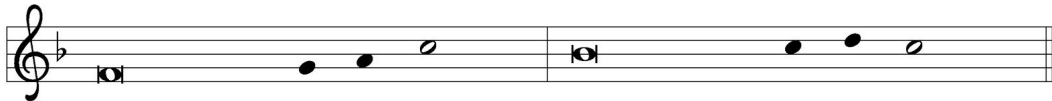
*P.* The word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16



*The Congregation joins in the singing of the verses in bold print and the antiphon.*



- 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 de- | liver 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 tow- | er of strength. *Ts@=YT***
- 5 Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | 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 Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.” *Ts@=YT*

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 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. 6 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.”

7 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,”

8 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.

9 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.

10 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.

*P.* The word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

*P.* The holy gospel according to John.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas

said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”  
6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the  
Father except through me. 7 If you know me,  
you will know my Father also. From now on  
you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the  
Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 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’? 10 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. 11 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. 12 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. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name,  
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for  
anything, I will do it.”



*P.* The Gospel of the Lord

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Rev. Dr. Kenneth Blyth*

HYMN OF THE DAY

## NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

P. Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Open our lives, O God, in the midst of this pandemic. For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”*

Lynn Shaw Bailey

Sung by the Choral Scholars

*Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Jesus rose up from the dead. He is alive, just as he said! Let all mortal voice cry out, let the mountains and valleys shout. Jesus Christ has come to save. Jesus has conquered the grave. Jesus won the victory. Jesus gave us eternity. Let all hearts and hands be raised. Jesus is worthy of praise.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*P.* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**! Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;**

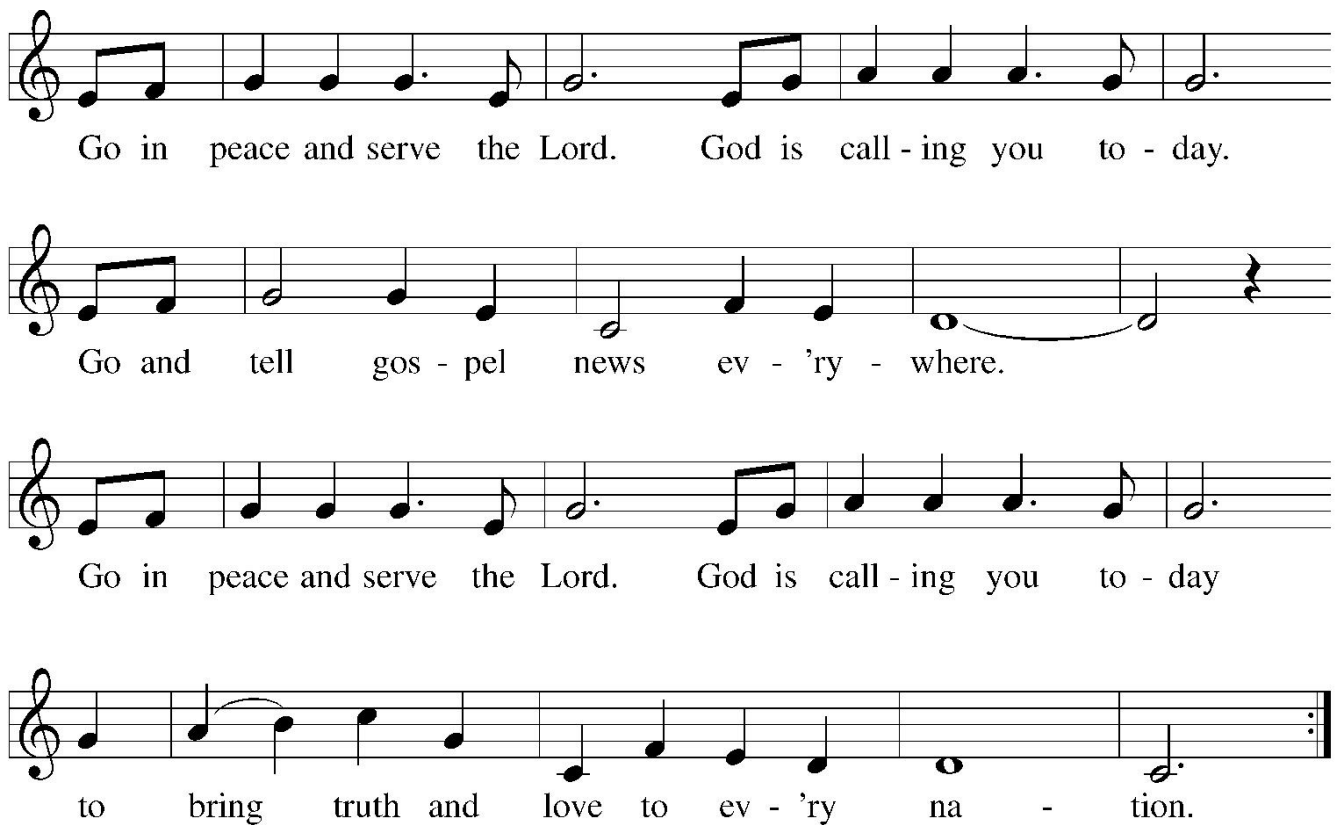
**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*P.* May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father,  $\text{†}$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: "Go in peace and serve the Lord"



Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day.

Go and tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day

to bring truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion.

## DISMISSAL

*P.* Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE



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