

All say in unison

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! Alleluia.

The Psalm

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, or you are my crag and my stronghold;

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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."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Reader A lesson from the First Letter of Peter [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.

Hymn #457

Thou art the way, to Thee alone

St. James

- 1 Thou art the Way, to thee alone from sin and death we flee;
 and all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
- 2 Thou art the Truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart;
 thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.
- 3 Thou art the Life, the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm;
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

The Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘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 Homily

Musical Meditation

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Prayers

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Savior taught us

Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

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.*

Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bidding Prayers

I bid your prayers for the Church, for Michael, our presiding bishop, Andrew our bishop and all who minister in every capacity.

I bid your prayers for our nation and all those in authority, especially Donald our president, Henry our governor, and all who serve in Congress and the Statehouse.

I bid your prayers for all who keep us safe during this health crisis, especially doctors, nurses and medical staff; safety personnel and first responders; and scientists and researchers.

I bid your prayers for our local community, especially homeless, the friendless and those in recovery.

I bid your prayers for Richard, Jenna, Jamie, John, Deb, Jessica, Fred, Kristen, Dick, Mike, Lauren, Judy, Stephanie, Erinn, Laura, Carol, Marge, Edie, Louis, Beth, Shelby, and those we now name, either in our hearts or on our lips.

I bid your prayers for those who are in discernment for Holy Orders, especially Beth, our seminarian.

I bid your prayers for this congregation, our vestry and for those working on the RenewalWorks team.

I bid your prayers for those celebrating birthdays: Erinn Phillips, Brett Leaphart; and those celebrating anniversaries: David and Peggy Hill

I bid your prayers for those who have died, that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ.

A prayer in the time of a pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to remain with us always, when information overwhelms us and fear overtakes us, speak to us again those comforting words, “Peace be with you.” Although we cannot be physically close to others, give us the ability and courage to love as well as we can, since “perfect love casts out all fear.”

Direct your caring gaze on doctors and nurses, researchers and safety personnel.

Strengthen the sick and the vulnerable; comfort those who grieve.

And when this pandemic has passed, and this crisis is resolved, teach us to know you more certainly as our dearest friend and surest hope.

This we ask in the name of you who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;

holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

- 2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
- 3 To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
- 5 Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and 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 mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may 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.*

The Officiant says

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Postlude

Make Songs of Joy

Richard Wienhorst

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