

# ST. STEPHEN'S

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020

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Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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### The Word of God

*One*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

#### Pascha nostrum



Christ our Passover has been sacri-ficed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*Alleluia!*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has do-min-ion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Alleluia!*

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

*Alleluia. Two Times.*

## The Collect of the Day

*One* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*One* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## First Reading

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm *Said Together*

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

- 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."

## **The Gospel** *Standing*

John 14:1-14

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All* **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."

*One* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Response**

The Rev. Drew Downs

### **Prayers of the People**

*One* As a royal priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices, let us pray to God for the needs of every living creature.

*One* For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all.

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For this holy assembly and for all who seek in Jesus the way, the truth, and the life.

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For Jennifer our bishop and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit.

We pray also for St. Paul's, Indianapolis, The Rev. Dr. John Denson, The Rev. Barbara Kempf, The Rev. Jeffrey Bower, The Rev. Patrick Burke; and the dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan. Our parish neighbors—Centenary United Methodist Church,

Central Presbyterian Church, United Campus Ministries, Second Christian Church and all illumined by the light of Christ.

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For all those in trouble and need, and for those injured by malice and guile. We pray especially for those suffering directly from the COVID-19 pandemic and all those emotionally and physically displaced by it. We pray also for those who have asked our prayers—Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus, Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Lane Clark, Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Mike Hayden, Justin Mendoza

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For those who have died in the resurrection of Christ and for all the dead.

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

We remember especially those celebrating birthdays, including Ruth Itamura, Brian Koczan, Elizabeth Wagley.

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries including Ashley Bode, Margaret Bruning, Ashley Richey, Mackinze Richey, Mattox Richey, Max Richey, Mollie Richey.

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries including Andrea & Jordan Bayles, Robin & James Willis

And we pray for our postulant, Joanna Benskin.

*All* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*One* Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stephen and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*All* **To you, O Lord.**

Blessed are you, God our Father, who calls us to dwell with you in heaven. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and draw your holy people to your side; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Peace** *Standing*

*One* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

## **Hymn**

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1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast;

Such a feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest.  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part; Such a heart as joys in love.

## Spiritual Communion

*One* Let us pray as one:

*All* **In union, O Lord, with the faithful across the Church who cannot gather around the altar at this time, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I implore you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate us. May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*One* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Post-communion Prayer *Said by all*

*One* Lord of the Feast,

*All* **we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

### Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## Dismissal

*One* Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*All* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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