

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Pastoral Care Priests:	The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing The Rev. David Thompson
Ministry Intern:	Lynne Tabb
Musician:	Barbara Saint-Amour

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *"Together"*

Greeting

Reflections by Lynne Tabb

The Word of God

Processional *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"* **Red Book 154**

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to
bear;

What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we
bear,

All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.

Verse 2

Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows
share?

Jesus knows our every weakness Hears and answers every
prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Take them to the Lord in
prayer;

In His arms He will enfold you And His love will shield you
there.

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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 First Lesson:

God's servants spread the gospel throughout the ancient world, despite enemies who continually nip at their heels to trip them.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 Concludes with: 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."

The Second Lesson:

Jesus is the foundation of our faith.

A reading from the First Letter of 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 Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 14:1-14 – Read by Rev. Parsons

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.”

Reader Concludes with: The Gospel of our Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual

Red Book 113 (v. 2)

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

The Homily: Rev. Paul Parsons

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 of God, Light of 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 – Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Reader adds a concluding prayer.

The Peace (unmute on Zoom and take turns giving the peace – similar to St. Luke’s aisle during the peace)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

People And also with you.

Blessings (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)



***Ann Willson's 90th
Birthday is Monday, May
11, 2020.***

Mother's Day Prayer, Sunday, May 10, 2020

Oh God our Father, we give thee praise for the hallowed memories and associations of this day and would render thanks for our Mothers and our homes. We pray that we may be rich in understanding and patience, in courtesy and kindness, in love and respect in all our family life. We ask Thy richest blessings upon our Mothers. Sustain them in their work of love. Help us to catch the Mother's spirit of sacrifice, unselfish love and willing service. We ask these things, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour, who once lay a little child in the arms of a holy Mother. Amen.

2020 Easter Flowers are given as follows:



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Marian and Gene Forbis
Shirley Drummond

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Lisa, Adam, Cheryl, Sara
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Offertory: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Pledges and Plate can be mailed to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252

Spiritual Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal S158

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
have mercy upon us.
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have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
grant - us thy peace.

The Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord,
with the faithful who yearn to gather
at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,
we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
We present you our souls and bodies
with the earnest wish that we may always be united to
you, and,
since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
we beseech you to come spiritually into ours heart.
We unite ourselves with you,
and embrace you with all the love of our souls.
Let nothing ever separate you from us.
May we live in you,
and may you live in us,
both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

Flute Meditation

A General Thanksgiving

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 my 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 a truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves 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.*

Procession to Serve *“Be Thou My Vision”* **Red Book 141**

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be naught to me, save that Thou art.
Be my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom, and be my true word,
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Saviour, Thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee

Verse 4

High King of heaven, and heaven’s bright Sun,
Grant me its joys when my journey is done;
Heart of my heart, Lord, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal

Server Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: *“Nobody Loves Me Like You”*



A Thought For Mother's Day by

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian, Interim Associate Rector

All Saints by the Sea Episcopal Church
Santa Barbara, California

We have come to that time of the year in our country, the second Sunday of May, when most pause to honor their mothers and mother figures. Through the efforts of Anna Jarvis, Mother's Day began in 1907. Anna wanted to honor her own mother, Ann Jarvis, who had died on May 9, 1905, and tirelessly pursued the cause of making Mother's Day a national holiday. She succeeded when Congress passed a law in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Seeds of hope for this holiday had first been planted in the nineteenth century to honor those mothers who had lost sons to war or who were at risk of losing their sons to war. As time passed the thought behind such a day was broadened as Ann Jarvis wanted to include all mothers. Carnations and church have become associated with the day because Ann Jarvis delivered 500 white carnations (her mother's favorite) to the first official Mother's Day celebration at St. Andrews Methodists Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia in 1908. Ann was not prepared for the onslaught of commercialism that would associate with the holiday within nine years of the first official day. As we know, card companies, florists, jewelers, and restaurants are especially grateful for her efforts. She spent the rest of her life and her inheritance protesting against the commercialization of Mother's Day which she saw as an abuse of the celebration.

In spite of the commercialism associated with the holiday, most of us sincerely wish to honor our mothers, and those we hold dear as mother figures, with some show of love and devotion. We consider them a blessing in our lives and are grateful for the love, guidance, support, and inspiration they have given us, most times tirelessly, over the years. As we move through life and spend our days in routine and business, it is often easy to take such love for granted. With that in mind, I have always been grateful for the commercial aspect of Mother's Day because it is a wake-up call for me to be mindful. In spite of my failings, there is a very public reminder for me to honor someone I hold dear. Does that mean that I buy into the commercialism? No, it helps me ask myself when I last expressed my love and gratitude and how now to proceed thoughtfully. Mother's Day is what we make of it, and being a mother, I fully recognize that no sum or commercial venture can equal the words or thoughtfulness of my children. With them I feel richly blessed..

May Mother's Day for you be a matter of the heart whether in giving or receiving.