

Morning Prayer

Sunday, May 10, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Prelude **Prelude on 'Ave Maris Stella' in the Style of RVW**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

All **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.**

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Venite *Psalm 95.1–7*
Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord;
All **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 moulded 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!**

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.
People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Hymn: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* (569)

THE CALL

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.

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.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Reader A reading from the acts of the apostles.

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

Please join on the alternating (bolded) verses of the psalm.

¹ In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

² **Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

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.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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 The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Glory to God

Officiant Alleluia! Glory to God in the highest,

All

and peace to God's 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.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **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:
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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.**

Intercessions and Prayers

Intercessions

Leader In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That isolated and persecuted churches, and all peoples, may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That by God's power, pandemics, wars, and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, the dying, and the bereaved, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon the whole church, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant
All

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Doxology

Officiant
All

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

PLEADING SAVIOUR

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undefiled.
Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

Sing of Mary, sing of Jesus, holy Mother's holier son.
From his throne in heav'n he sees us, thither calls us ev'ry one,
where he welcomes home his Mother to a place at his right hand,
there his faithful servants gather, there the crown-ed victors stand.

Joyful Mother, full of gladness, in your arms your Lord was borne.
Mournful Mother, full of sadness, all your heart with pain was torn.
Glorious Mother, now rewarded with a crown at Jesus' hand,
age to age your name recorded shall be blest in every land.

Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son;
glory be to God the Spirit; glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends,
and the Church the strain re-echoes unto earth's remotest ends.

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude Fantasia in the Style of RVW

Announcements

Ministries for Children and Youth

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg is hosting weekly lessons on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For our youth, Elisabeth and Fr. Benjamin are hosting a weekly check-in over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at youth@stjohnsnorway.com.

Weekly Online/Dial-in Bible Study – Thursdays at 1PM

On Thursdays at 1:00 PM, Fr. Jeffry and Fr. Benjamin are holding a bible study focusing on the gospel passage from the previous Sunday. All you need to participate is a bible and a computer or phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608).

Weekly Happy almost-an-Hour – Fridays at 5PM

On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we are holding "Happy almost-an-Hour!" Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608).

Online Donations

Some of you have asked how to donate at this time. If you do not have pre-authorized payments in place, or would like to make an online donation, we have moved our online donation link to the front page of the website. Online donations to St John's Norway are done through CanadaHelps. (<http://canadahelps.org/en/charities/church-of-st-john-the-baptist-norway>).

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