



**8:00AM**  
**DIVINE SERVICE**

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10 May 2020

*(Please register your presence with us by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you and giving it to the usher or placing into the offering plate.)*

**AS WE GATHER**

Our fifty-day celebration of Easter continues as we solemnly gather in the presence of our crucified and risen Savior Jesus Christ. Present He is for we see and hear Him touching and speaking to us through His Spirit, in the water of Holy Baptism, in His very body and blood in Holy Communion, in His words of Holy Absolution, and in the preaching of His Word. We gather not as much to give anything to Him but to receive from Him His gifts of deliverance, salvation, and righteousness. Today, once again He bestows on you His own righteousness, making of us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession. Our sin has been taken away, and we are renewed with eternal life by the faith created in us by His Spirit. In this faith our doubts and fears are taken away as we look forward to our heavenly home, the many rooms and mansions, the place prepared for us, as we await His final return.

**PRELUDE** — *DIE GÜLDNE SONNE*

arr. Lani Smith

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** “*By All Your Saints in Warfare*”

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**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**INTROIT**

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
His praise in the assembly of the godly!

I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up  
 and have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
 O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,  
 and You have healed me.  
 O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
 You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.  
 Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,  
 and give thanks to His holy name.  
 For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.  
 Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
 His praise in the assembly of the godly!

**KYRIE** ~ LORD, HAVE MERCY

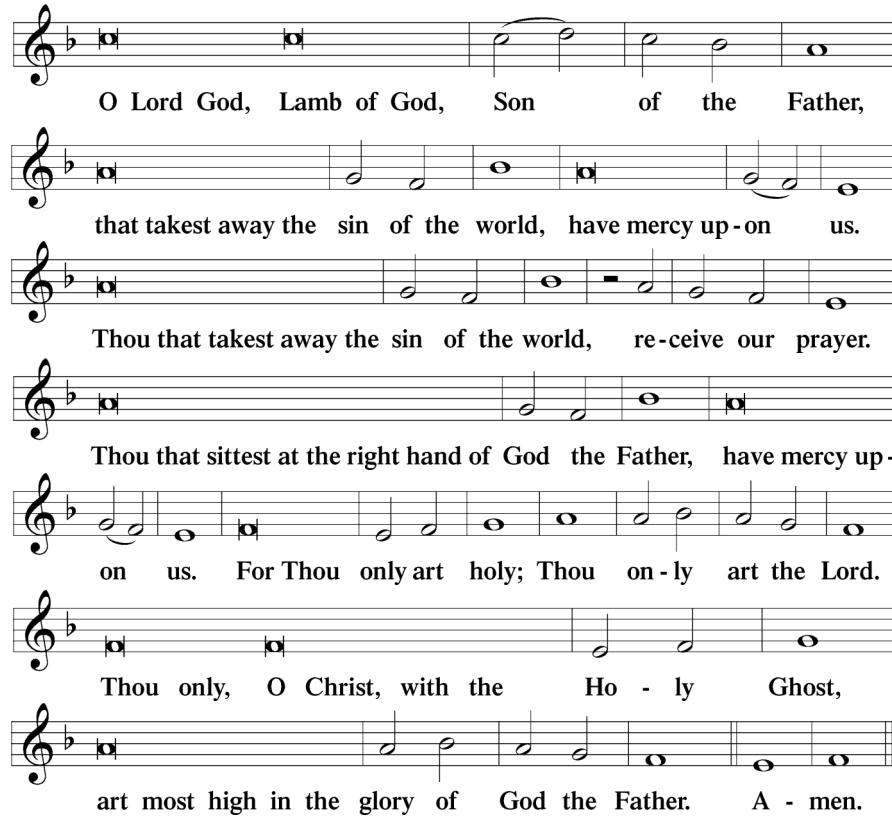
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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray...O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men. (Sit)

**FIRST LESSON***(Stephen chosen, the first martyr.)*

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem,...

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
He upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

**☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

*(A living stone and a holy people.)*

1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may  
grow up to salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God  
chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a  
spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to  
God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His

own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>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.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- L** Christ has risen from the dead.  
God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,  
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
He has put all things under His feet.

**GOSPEL** (*Stand*) *(I am the way, the truth, and the life.)* John 14:1-14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to Him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

<sup>10</sup>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 authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. <sup>11</sup>Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

<sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in My name, I will do it.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** "*Thine Forever, God of Love*"

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**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN** "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*"

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**POSTLUDE** — *SLANE*

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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