## **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** Waretown, NJ Daily Morning Prayer:

# Rite Two–Sunday, May 10, 2020: Easter -V

## **Opening Hymn #460**

Let us sing Verses 1,3 & 4

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Jesus Christ our Lord





OfficiantAlleluia! Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Confession of Sin**

#### The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

(Silence for the people to silently confess their sins to God)

#### Officiant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(The priest offers absolution to the people.)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *People* **Amen.** 

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia

OfficiantAlleluia. The Lord is risen indeedPeopleCome let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7* Officiant and People **read responsively by half verse** 

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!** 

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. Alleluia. Amen.

## The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 31 In te, Domine, speravi

Officiant and People read responsively by verse

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."

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

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

#### The Reader says

## A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles [755-60].

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.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.** 

## **10** The Second Song of Isaiah Quaerite Dominum [Isaiah 55:6-11]

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Officiant and People read responsively by verse
Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
   call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
   and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
   and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
   nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
   so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
   and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
   seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
   it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
   and prosper in that for which I sent it.
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.
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#### The Reader says

#### A Reading from First 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.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn #493

Let us sing Verses 1,2 & 3

#### Jesus Christ our Lord



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## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [14:1-14] 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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon by The Rev. M. Mantelle Bradley

## The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together 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 Peace

The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

## The Prayers

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

#### 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.

Officiant Let us pray the Collects for the day

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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*.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely

trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

\*\*\* Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. \*\*\*

## The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together 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.

#### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

## Officiant and People together

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*.

#### The Blessing of Mothers

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and shall be, Mother and Father of us all, Enfold these mothers within Your Grace. May their homes be a place of your presence, Your forgiveness, and your freedom. May your will be done in them and through them this day and forever. **Amen.** And may Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you each to defend you, With in you to defend you, before you to lead you, and above you to bless you. **Amen.** 

## The Blessing

Officiant says

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

Then may be said

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.