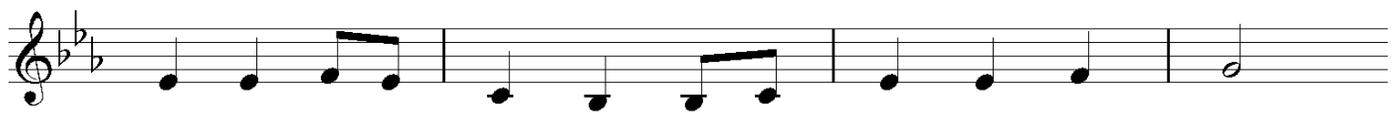


St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ and
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Clarksboro, NJ with
The Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes, Bishop of NJ
Morning Prayer Rite II with Spiritual Eucharist:
Sunday, July 5, 2020: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn #482

Jesus Christ our Lord

Let us sing all the Verses



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Officiant

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin *Book of Common Prayer page 79*

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 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 bishop 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

BCP page 80

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**

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting

People **Come let us adore him.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum* *BCP pg 83*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Priest and People (Read responsively by verse)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

**Not with 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 dominion 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 in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**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 145 verses 8-15 *Exaltabo te, Deus* *BCP page 801*

Lay reader and People read responsively by verse

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 **The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

**11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

**15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**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 Genesis [24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67]

The man said to Rebekah and her household, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now

Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: The Song of My Beloved *Song of Solomon [2:8-13]*

Lay reader and People read responsively by verse

The voice of my beloved! *

Over the mountains he comes leaping,

bounding over the hills *

like a young stag or a gazelle.

See where he stands behind over wall, *

gazing in at the windows, peeking through the lattice.

My beloved calls me; *

Rise up, my love, my beauty, come away;

for now the winter is past, *

the rains are over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth *

and the time of singing has come;

the voice of the turtle-dove *

is heard throughout our land.

The fig trees bend with scented fruit; *

and all the squash-vines blossom,

sending forth their sweet perfume. *

Rise up, my love, my beauty, come away.

The Reader says

A Reading from Romans [7:15-25a]

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man

that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

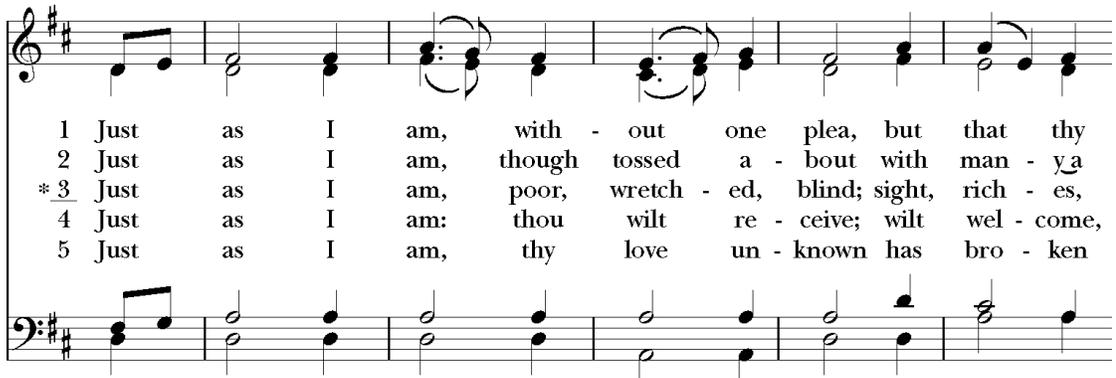
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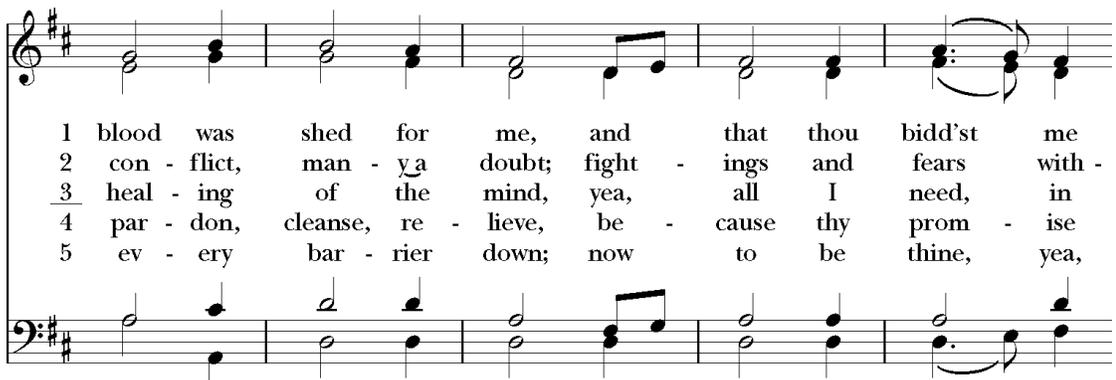
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #693 Holy Eucharist

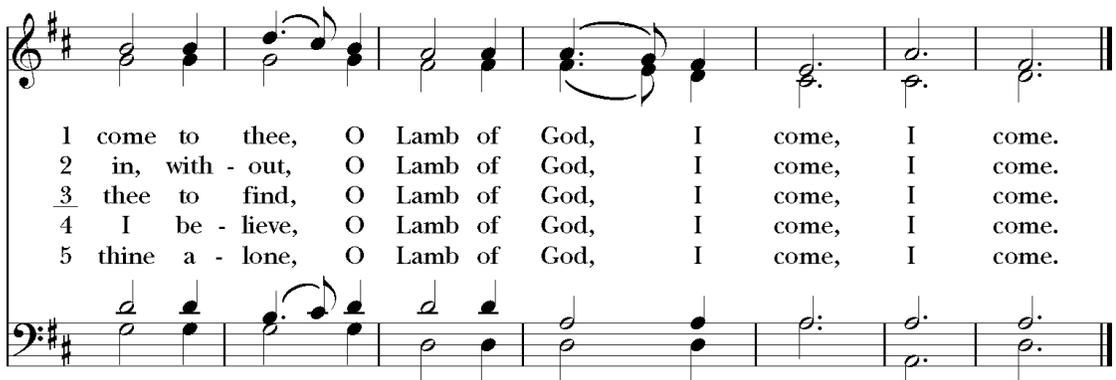
Let us sing Verses 1 to 4



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [11: 16-19, 25-30]

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon by The Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes, Bishop

The Apostles' Creed *BCP page 96*

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 *BCP page 97*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let 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.

The Litany during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing any disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. . Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Be with those who have died during this quarantine time and because of the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Whether we are home or abroad, surround by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist, and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Lord in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer**

Officiant

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Explanation of Spiritual Communion

Officiant says to the People

Let us pray In union,

Officiant and People

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life

to come. Amen (*From the Prayer Book for the Armed Forces from The Episcopal Church*)

Officiant Let us pray the Collects for the day

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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 King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

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

The General Thanksgiving *BCP page 101*

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 *BCP page 102*

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 Bishop's Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People **From this time forth and ever more.**

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

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**