



Vasakyrkan, Gothenburg, Sweden. "[Jag är Vägen och Sanningen och Lifvet.](#)"
(Translation: "I am the Road, the Truth and Life.")

May 10, 2020

**Morning Prayer
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Opening Acclamation

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People

**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.**

Priest

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*

The Hymnal 1982 #637



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



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The Invitatory and Psalter *BCP 80*

Priest Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

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

The Response**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 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 Epistle**1 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

The Gospel John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. Jonathan Brice

Nicene Creed

All together

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 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 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



Prayers of the People The Fifth Sunday of Easter

On this Mothers' Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides for us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother.

Empowered by the Lord's promise that he will do whatever we ask in his name, let us pray, saying: We ask this in Jesus' name.

For the church of God and for its leaders, that our lives may be for the glory of God alone, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

For more vigorous efforts to unite all Christian peoples, lest factions and jealousies prevent the spread of the gospel, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For all who exercise the ministry of preaching, that their words may be full of the Spirit and of wisdom, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For those among us whose hearts are troubled and anxious, that they may find support in our care, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For this local community, that our belief in God will be deepened by the word and sacrament we share, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people of Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Kansas City

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces: Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin Karpinski; Patrick McAnerney; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Wichaël; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For the Homebound: JoAnn Sherman

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For Health & Strength: Mililani Hayselden; Courtney Canova; Sharon Cinelli; Curtis Smith; Dixie Moss; Jeremy Thomas; Sandy Blascyk; James Johann; Russ & Pat Jones and family; Maxine Liebst; Elizabeth Appleyard; Frankie Woodman; Adam Griest; Susan Watkins; Barby Steelman; Roger Aton; Craig & Jeanette Burris; Anthony Straker; Jack Harris; "Spike" Speicher; Richard & Cindy Heflin; Jaquish family; the Hoffmann family; Margot Matteson; Jim Baker; Florence Kirkland; Michael Siragusa; Jeanne McDowell; Eloise Schrempp; Mary Allen; Maxine Haverfield; Ken Hoag; Matt Hunnicutt; Joanne Diviney

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For Birthdays: Luke Wood

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

The Collect

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring these and all our needs to you filled with confidence in the power of Jesus' name. Hear us and answer our prayers in your great wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ who is our risen Lord now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children (N.), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Anniversary Prayer

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully upon this couple who come to you seeking your blessing on this their anniversary, continue assisting them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

The Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The Blessing

May the joy of the resurrection fill your heart and renew your faith. May almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Go Forth, *verses 1-2*

Words and Music by
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VERSE

D G/D A/D D Bm



1. We are His chil-dren, the fruit of His suff-'ring, saved and re-deemed by His
2. Count-less the souls that are stum-bling in dark-ness; why do we sleep in the
3. Lis-ten, the wind of the Spir-it is blow-ing, the end of the age is so

4 C A^{sus} A D G/D A/C# A/B Bm C C/B



blood; called to be ho - ly, a light to the na-tions: clothed with His pow'r, ___
light? Je - sus com-mands us to go make dis - ci - ples; this is our cause, ___
near; pow'rs in the earth and the heav-ens are shak-ing, Je - sus our Lord ___

CHORUS

8 Am⁷ C/G A^{sus} A Bm A/B Bm A Bm Gmaj⁷ A/G



___ filled with His love. ___ Go forth in His name, pro- claim - ing
___ this is our fight. ___
___ soon shall ap - pear! ___

14 Gmaj⁷ A Bm Em⁷ A F#m⁷ Bm G D G D



"Je - sus reigns!" Now is the time _ for the church to a - rise and pro - claim Him, "Je - sus,



Sa-viour, Re-deem - er and Lord." Lord."

Coda

23 D G/D A/D G/D D



Lord."

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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