

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 10, 2020



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Lead me, guide me

LEVAS 194

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

BCP 299

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Lector A reading from Acts.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

said together in unison

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.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Lector A reading from First 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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.

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

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP 299

Officiant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

All are invited to touch or sprinkle water in remembrance and renewal of baptism.

Then the Officiant continues

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*
and “A Litany Amidst the COVID-19 Outbreak” by Michael Kurth

Reader Most merciful God, we know that you are with us and that you unite us through your Holy Spirit. In peace, let us pray, saying, “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

For Christ Church and every congregation throughout the world, that we give you praise and place our trust in you, becoming beacons of hope, faith, and love. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the leaders of our church, Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our bishop; for Emily, David, and Anthony our priests; for Chip our deacon; and for all who minister: fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those in authority, especially Donald our president, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and leaders throughout the world: help them to make sound decisions to best secure our safety and the future of our planet. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For first responders; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff; for service industry workers and those forced to work as their community shuts down; for those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of wages. We pray especially for *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Groh, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Concetta P., Ryan Tyler, Mark V., Rosemary V., Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert, the Greenfield Health Care employees*, and those we now name.

Keep them safe, grant them strength and hope, and provide for them daily bread and wage. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those directly infected with the virus, for those at high risk, for those in quarantine, for the marginalized, for the poor, and for all who suffer in any way, especially *Pat Ald, Shirley B., Barbara Baseley, Booker, Jocelyn Burrell, Harold Cherry, Ellie Collard, David Dieter, Chip Dischinger, Emma, Marcus England, Michael F., Vincent Faust, Charles Hawkins, Emily Hill, Alisa LeDuc, Betty Locke, Monique McGraw, Megan, Joe Miller, Jonathon Moon, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Len St. Jean, Janet Swanson & Family, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson*, and those we now name.

Help them recover in good health, and restore them in body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the gifts of joy, wonder, and love, which we savor and celebrate especially in times of struggle. We pray for those having birthdays this week, especially *Phil Campbell, Miriam Costandi, Sarah Thomas, Stephanie Williams*, and those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember especially Marjorie Maye Swanson, Fernella Sterling, all who have died from COVID-19, and those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Please give generously at christcd.org/online-giving

or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Live, 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.

PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, alleluia; alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia; alleluia!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

Officiant In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

All **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

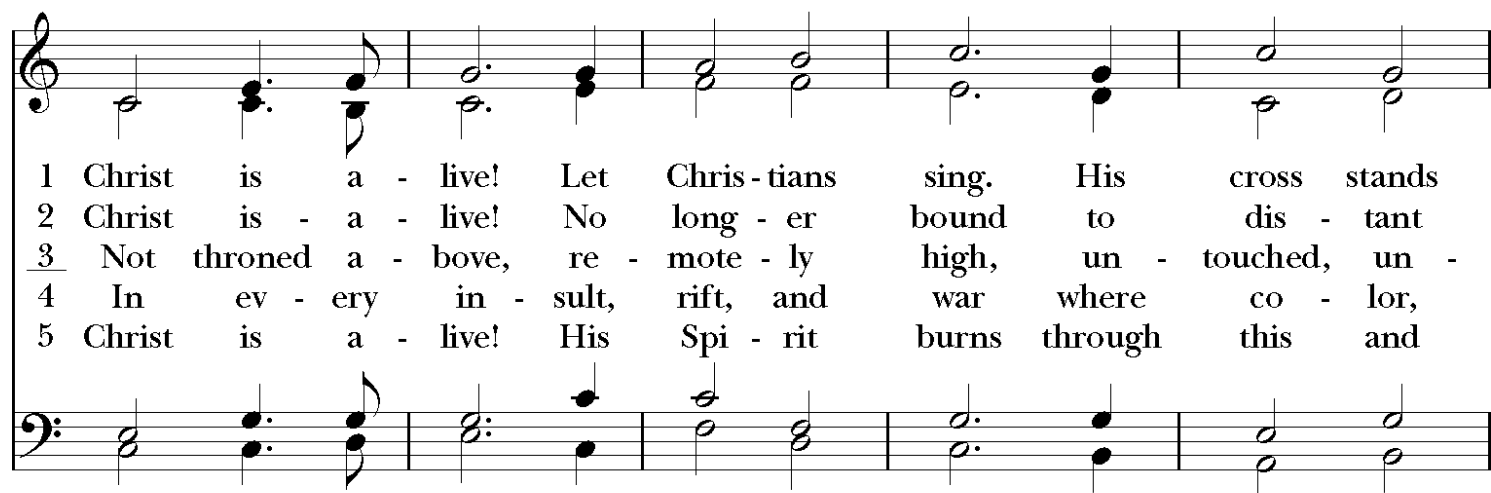
St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)

Officiant Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Officiant May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

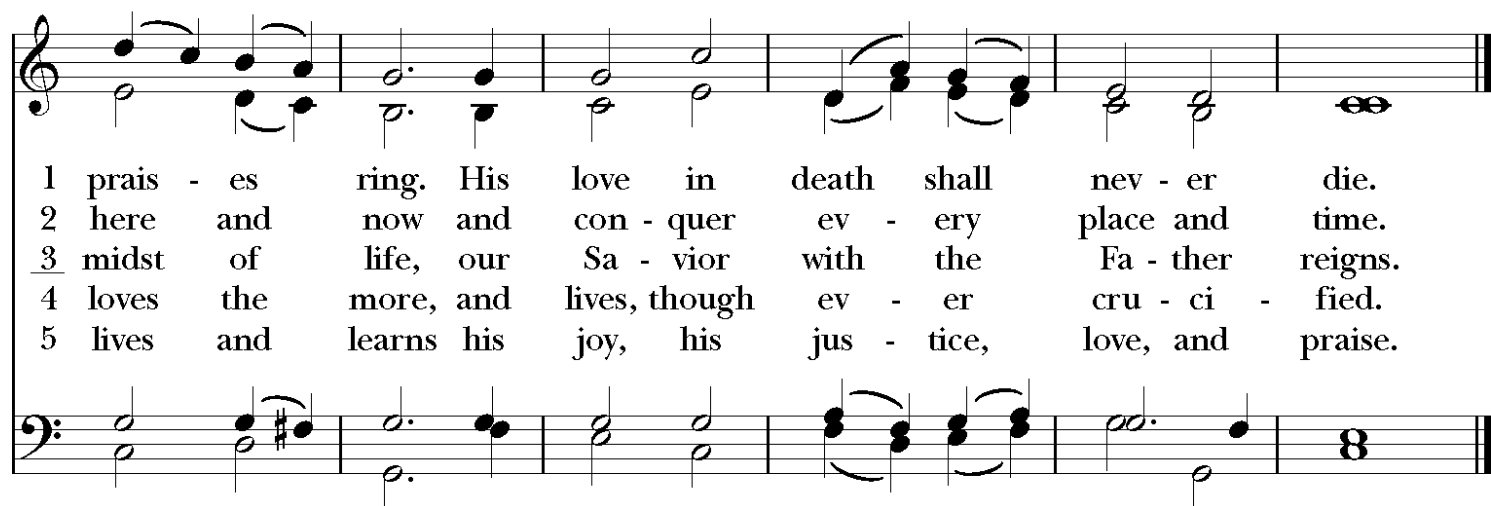
People **Amen.**



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

To me, *Road into the Valley – Moonrise* (1906) by American artist Edward Steichen (1879-1973) evokes in both image and process the winding, often dimly-lit journey of faith. In the image, illumined by a distant but sure moon, a road bends around a corner and both the viewer and the traveler cannot see where it is going. In today's Gospel, Thomas tells Jesus frankly, in what I often imagine to be an exasperated tone, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

This image is a photogravure, which means that the artist has placed a photonegative onto a copper plate and then engraved and shaded the image with ink. It is not made by what are now the much more common methods—for example, by exposure in the darkroom—but then again, neither is faith. Jesus replies to Thomas boldly yet enigmatically, "I am the way," and even today we walk humbly along, asking for guidance, trusting in the light, and trying to figure that out.

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