

THE DIVINE SERVICE

May 10, 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Prelude in Eb Major ("St Anne"), BWV 552 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

John 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 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’? 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. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“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. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Charles Wesley, 1739

Lyra Davidica, 1708



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. *Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;* Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. *Soar we now where Christ has led,* Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n: Al - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee we greet tri - um - phant now; Al - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

Minister: Praise the Lord in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: Let everything that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:10-12

Johann A. Freylinghausen

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from thy pre - sence, and take not thy Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of thy sal -
va - - - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

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Minister: Hear what our Lord says, “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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.**

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

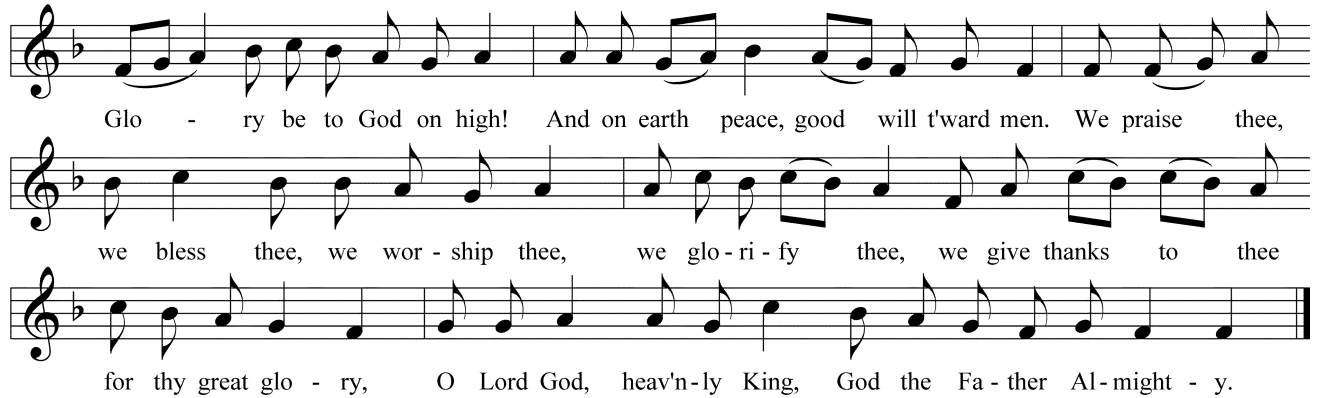
Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Gloria in Excelsis

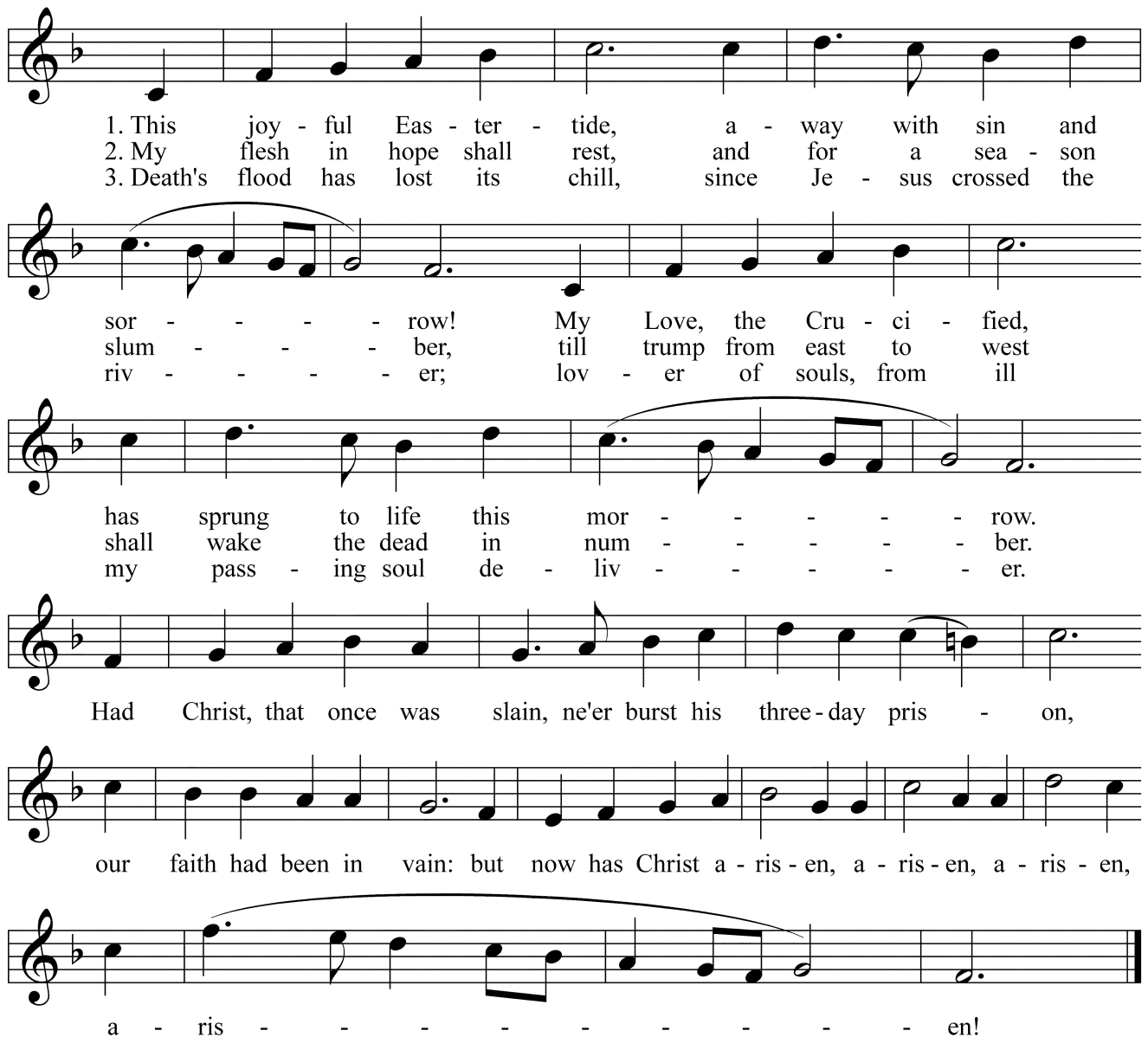
Nicolas Decius



Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

George R. Woodward, 1894

Joachim Oudaen's *David's Psalmen*, 1685



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son
3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
sor - - - - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied,
slum - - - - ber, till trump from east to west
riv - - - - er; lov - er of souls, from ill
has sprung to life this mor - - - - row.
shall wake the dead in num - - - - ber.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - - - - er.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on,
our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en,
a - ris - - - - en!

The Service of the Word



❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 146

Minister: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger;
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ **OUR RESPONSE**

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

Leonard R. Payton, 1998



1. That stone is made head cor - ner - stone which the build - ers did de - spise.
2. O bless - ed be the one who comes, comes in Je - ho - vah's name;
3. Thou art my God; I'll give thee thanks. My God, I'll wor - ship thee.



This is the do - ing of the Lord, and
the bless - ing from Je - ho - vah's house up -
O thank the Lord, for he is good; his



won - drous in our eyes, and won - drous in our eyes.
on you we pro - claim, up - on you we pro - claim.
grace will end - less be, his grace will end - less be.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and sing.
The Lord is God, and he to us has made the light a - rise;



Ho - san - na, Lord, O give suc - cess! O Lord, sal - va - tion bring!
O bind ye to the al - tar's horns with cords the sac - ri - fice.

D.C. al Fine

WELCOME

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Barry McBee

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:14-23

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

*The Christian in a Time of Crisis;
What is God teaching us about ourselves?*

Mark 7:14-23

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ **Minister:** Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you." During this time, please greet one another verbally and refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n, to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it, let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown: Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest: take a - way the love of sin - ning:
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee,
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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- ❖ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

William Mathias, 1934-1992

organ:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
organ:
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-25)

Martin Luther, 1524

Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es giv - en;
2. *No son of man could con - quer death, such mis - chief sin had wrought us,*
3. But Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, to our low state de - scend - ed,
4. *It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;*
5. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en;
for in - no - cence dwelt not on earth, and there - fore death had brought us
the cause of death he has un - done, his pow'r for - ev - er end - ed,
the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;
he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong his love— to save us.



there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right
in - to thrall - dom from of old and ev - er grew more
ru - ined all his right and claim and left him noth - ing
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it, death



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
strong and bold and kept us in his bond - age. Hal - le - lu - jah!
but the name, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
up by death, its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!

6. So let us keep the festival whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
By his grace he doth impart, eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

7. Then let us feast this joyful day on Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of grace hath purged away the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed, he is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah!



1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2. *This the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on*
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. *For to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing*
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar - oah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark por - tal
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631

Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556-c. 1622

In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
sun - shine of my heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of
heav - en, thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls thou
wak - est, our bonds thou break - est; who trusts thee sure - ly has built se -
cure - ly; he stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to thee are
cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

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

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

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. 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. 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. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 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. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 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.

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

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 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. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 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. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 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.

1 Peter 2:1-10

Put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 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. 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.”

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

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, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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.

Sermon Lesson – Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”