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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Note: There is no service music at the 8:00 am service

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: "Offertory" Robert J. Powell

Choral Introit: "Heaven and earth and sea and air" Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Freylinghausen's Gesangbuch, 1704

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "Father, we praise thee" Christe sanctorum Hymnal 1

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory to God - Hymnal S280

The following hymn is said or sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Lessons (*The people sit.*)

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.

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 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."

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 "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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: "*Thou art the Way, to thee alone*" St. James Hymnal 457

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-14 (*The People Stand*)

Deacon 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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon — The Reverend Mary Lou Divis

The Nicene Creed *(All Standing)*

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 Prayers of the People *(Form III) The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Therese, Carol, Peggy, Debbie, Angie, Maribeth, Jane, George, Heather, Mark, Emily, and Dave. For all of those celebrating the anniversaries of special times in their lives, especially Lou as she celebrates her birthday. For all of those who are traveling, especially Hugh, Eileen, Corey and Will.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *(people remain kneeling)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest, stands and says 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.*

The Peace *(All stand.)*

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

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Junior Choir Anthem: *"Disciples of the Son"* Joel and Russell Nagy

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymnal S 130

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

The Fraction Anthem—LEV 155

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.

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Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen

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The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" The Call

Post Communion Hymn: " Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn: "Jesus lives! thy terrors now" St. Albinus Hymnal 194

Postlude: "Postlude in E Flat" Robert J.

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God.

This Morning's Ministers

Celebrant	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Deacon / Preacher	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Harry Hiscox, Christopher Dillon, Matthew Dillon
Lectors	Elizabeth Dillon, Lindsey Jacobs
Intercessor	Kelly Jacobs
Eucharistic Minister	Christopher Dillon
Ushers / Oblationers	Tara Gwilliam, Kaitlyn Palmer
Altar Guild	Heather Hules, Lisa Kasarda
Vestry Counter	George Yatsko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 20, 2008 W The Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. Here are a few items to assist you with the service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
 - The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*") is also located in the pew rack.
 - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.



THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING

Each Sunday at the 10:00 am service we will offer "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing". You are invited to go to Chris Sutton at the back of the church, either before or after you have received communion. Tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on your head and offer a prayer to our Lord for you. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat.

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A SMALL GROUP STUDY is meeting Wednesdays in April from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Plashinski residence. Please see/contact Deacon Lou for more information.

THEME TEA On Saturday May 17 from 12:00 to 4:00 we will have our third annual Theme Tea and Re-gift Auction. Please look though your closets and attics for any possible re-gift items and come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship! If you have any questions or would like ticket information please call Linda Shrader 696-2082.

SPRING CLEAN-UP The Property Commission has scheduled the Annual Spring Clean-up for Saturday May 3 (rain-date May 10). Helpers of all ages are needed!! For more information please see George Yatsko.

U2CHARIST We are pleased to announce that our second U2 Eucharist will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars now and spread the word!!

iPod RAFFLE The Youth / Sunday School is raffling off an 8gb Apple ipod, valued at \$199. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5.00. All proceeds will be donated in support of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. The winner will be selected at random following the U2charist on May 10. Please consider taking a few tickets to sell to family and friends!

SPRING UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING is scheduled for Mother's Day, Sunday May 11. You still have time to count your blessings and fill your blue UTO box (boxes are available in the Narthex).

REGIONAL ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST will be held on Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Pro-cathedral. Father Stevenson will be preaching.

E arth Day 08
April 22, 2008



May you know the embrace of E arth.

May she teach you the wisdom of time:
the unfolding of S pring
the ripening of S ummer
the turning of A utumn
the shedding of Winter.

May she teach you the wisdom of intimacy:
seed embraced by warm, dark soil
crevice traced by insistent stream
raindrop clinging to new, soft leaf
precious stones in hidden places.

May she teach you the wisdom of grace:
flowers entwining fallen oak
healing gifts of common "weeds"
grain for bread, fruit for wine
dancing stars through barren branches.

May you be known in E arth's embrace.

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THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Family Service**, this morning 10:00 am.
- ...**Outreach Commission Meeting**, this morning following the 10 am service.
- ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, April 21, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Wednesday, April 23, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Small Group Book Study**, Wednesday April 23, 4:00 pm (Plashinski Home)
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, April 24, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Parish Hall reserved**, Thursday, April 24, 3:30—5:30 pm.
- ...**Senior Choir Practice**, Thursday, April 24, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, April 25, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**St Vincent D’Paul Soup Kitchen**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...**Church School**, next Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am service
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday April 27, following the 10 am service.
- ...**Regional Ascension day Service**, Thursday, May 1, 6:30 pm.
- ...**Spring Clean-Up**, Saturday, May 3.
- ...**Parish Life Commission**, Sunday May 4 following 10 am service.
- ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 pm
- ...**U2charist**, Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm
- ...**Pentecost**, Sunday, May 11.
- ...**Vestry Meeting**, Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Theme Luncheon**, Saturday May 17.
- ...**Parish Picnic**, Sunday June 1, 10:00 am.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!