

# *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



*St. Alban's Episcopal Church*  
*May 10, 2020*  
*Happy Mother's Day!*

**Our Mission:** *We are called by the Spirit to be transformed by God in heart and mind, to serve our community, UCLA, and the world as the Body of Christ. We will grow in faith, hope and love through the practices of worship, formation, compassion and hospitality.*

Opening Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
 People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Officiant: 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.

People: *Amen.*



## The Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al- might- y God and Fa- ther. we wor- ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise— you for— your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus— Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -  
ceive our prayer. for you a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus  
Christ, with the Ho - ly— Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther— A - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

**Officiant:** 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.

**People:** *Amen.*

## The First Reading

### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## The Second Reading

### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (14:1-14).

*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.”

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



## The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce

## Musical Meditation

*Morning Prayer*

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text; MEC

Emily Kerrigan, mezzo-soprano

How lovely is the hour before the dawn.,  
Then the morning stars all sing together.  
Day breaks in a dazzle of brilliant sunshine!  
Opening a thousand windows of light in the heavens!  
How blest are we to behold such splendor,

To walk in this sun drenched loveliness that speaks so eloquently of God!

O soul! Be pure, be brave, be strong!

Lest we be undeserving of the ordered beauty of God's world.

How lovely is the hour before the dawn.,  
Then the morning stars all sing together.

## The Nicene Creed

Reader: Let us join in affirming our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

People: *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**

Adapted from *Intercessions for Christian People*

Reader: In the power of God's new life, revealed in the Risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.  
O God, you have blessed with faith those who see your presence in the wounded hands and feet of Jesus. You have also blessed with faith those who have not seen, yet believe your Gospel. We give you thanks for the faith you have given us, and we pray that we may share with---and be---the good news for people everywhere. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Turn the eyes of the leaders of the nations to envision a new world in which swords are turned into plowshares, and where justice reigns.

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: As the earliest Christians held all things in common, and shared their abundance with the needy, give us the spirit of generosity in all things. Help us to overcome hunger and homelessness among the human family. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For prisoners and hostages, for those in mental anguish, for the sick and suffering, especially for those we now name... Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the leaders of the Church; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for John and Diane, our Bishops; for Bob, our Interim Rector, and Yein, our Rector-Elect; for the vestry, staff, and leaders of our congregation. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and eternal love, especially for those we now name... Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: O God, we thank you for revealing to us the mystery of resurrection, of life springing up in the midst of death. Help us to be Easter People, bringing into being works of justice and peace that your world and its peoples may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray,

**People:** *Amen.*

## **A Prayer for Mother's Day**

## **The Peace**

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

## **The Anthem**

*Drink from the Well of Life*

Matthew Armstrong

text: MA

Drink from the well of life.

Let your thirst be quenched

by the precious blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The well that never shall run dry,

“I am the way: I am the truth and the life;

I am thy rock, thy salvation, I am eternal life”

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

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

*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 Blessing**



## The Closing Hymn

### “Sing Ye Faithful”



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

## The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*