

Let's Take Ten!

As part of our life-long learning, we'll spend a few minutes each week before worship highlighting something about the service, or the source of prayers and mediations.

Julie +

Jesus, our true Mother, who is all love and bears us unto joy and endless living; Be with us in the breaking of the bread, that you may dwell in us and we in you, both now and forever. Amen.

Julian of Norwich, 14th Century

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all women and men who have mothered in any way - those who have been our additional or substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; 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 hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray all this in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

Forward Day by Day for May, June, July have arrived. Please let Mother Julie know if you'd like a copy mailed to you. 310 625 9377 or juliedbryant@yahoo.com

Cleaning Out Your Closets?

The congregation is planning a July Rummage Sale - please keep your donations for a bit, so we'll have more to offer!

Graduation Celebrations

Please make sure we know who's graduating in your immediate or extended family.

We want to send our congratulations and remember them in our prayers; send Name, School, Degree or Diploma conferred, and their relationship to you to juliedbryant@yahoo.com

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and Surrounding Communities!*

Today's Worship Leaders include:

Marimel Aldomiel, Melmar Almodiel, John Crawford, Tess Crawford, Gina Diamante, Aaron Hill, Mary Lou Thomas, Barry Weiss, and The Reverend Julie D Bryant.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One, Ante-Communion
The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2020 9 in the morning

The Word of God

All standing as they are able, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant prays

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

The Celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All standing as they are able

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy 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 thy Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 7:55-60

Tess Crawford

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 31:1-5, 15-16 *prayed responsively by half-verse*

Barry Weiss

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

Lector A Reading from the first Letter of Peter. 2:2-10

Gina Diamante

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.**

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 14:1-14

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

**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

The Celebrant and other persons appointed pray

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Melmar Almodiel

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers Michael and Susan, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

John Crawford

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Aaron Hill

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Mary Lou Thomas

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Mariel Almodiel

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Petitions are invited, and may be offered silently or aloud

Melmar Almodiel

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear,

Petitions are invited, and may be offered silently or aloud

beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Thomas and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant Acknowledging our longing to be physically close to one another, to share the blessing of Communion in common, and praying that when we do so, we remember this longing for thee.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant invites the people to join in the Lord's Prayer, saying
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 Blessing

The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing

O Christ, thanks to thee, we have known God, and we have seen God. Grant that the God whom we have known and seen in thee will now be revealed through us.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Please stay connected for Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour Conversations

Today's questions to guide your conversation:

Even after months and years spent in Jesus' company,
his closest disciples still longed for reassurance.

To whom have you turned for reassurance in your life?

Under what circumstances have you offered reassurance to someone else?

What will you do this week to bring an extra helping of love to someone?

How can other folks in your group help you?

Are there prayer concerns you'd like to share?