

**Welcome to Morning Prayer  
at  
St. Mark's Chapel, Storrs, CT  
*Open hearts, open minds, open doors***

**May 7, 2023  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Prelude

*“O help me Lord, to praise thee”*

J.S. Bach, BWV 624

*The People stand.*

**Hymn #1 in the 1982 Blue Hymnal**

**Opening Sentence**

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

**Confession of Sin**

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**

**and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover** (*said in unison*)      *1 Cor. 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*The people are seated.*

**Psalm 31** (*said in unison*)

*Psalm 31:1-5,15-16*

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.”  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 7:55-60**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he 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.**

### **16. The Song of Zechariah *(said in unison)***

**Luke 1: 68-79**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Second Lesson**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.**

## **15. The Song of Mary (*said in unison*)**

***Luke 1:46-55***

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior; \*  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
and holy is your Name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you \*  
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm, \*  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones,  
and lifting up the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise you made to our forebears, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

## **The Gospel Lesson**

**John 14:1-14**

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

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 Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #47 in the 1982 Blue Hymnal**

**Lay Address**

**Madison Day**

*The people stand.*

## **The Apostles 'Creed**

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

*The People are seated for announcements and the collection.*

*The people stand for the Offertory hymn and Prayers.*

## **Hymn #380 in the 1982 Blue Hymnal**

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### **For Recovery from Sickness**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants Zoma, Dolores, Janet, Rich, John Paul, Emmanuel, Emily, Wade, Karla, and David that their weakness may be

banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving** (*said in unison*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you  
humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation,  
preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord  
Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of  
glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness  
of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may  
show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages.  
**Amen.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** (*said in unison*)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Hymn #376 in the 1982 Blue Hymnal**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

Postlude

*“Today God’s only-gotten Son triumphs”*

J.S. Bach, BWV 630

