



**May 10, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

*Eastertide (also known as Eastertime or the Easter season) or Paschaltide (also known as Paschaltime or the Paschal season) is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Wikipedia)*

*Eastertide is a season for us as disciples not only to celebrate the joy of our Lord's resurrection, but also for us to reflect on our baptism, to discern what gifts God has given us for the building up of His Kingdom, and to journey to the celebration of Pentecost. It is that time from Christ's Resurrection to His Ascension when He showed Himself to His disciples and others and would eventually give birth to the Church.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**    Fantasia in h minor - J. S. Bach    Cameron Kuzepski  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkf8-cEDkew&t=1s>

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:**    Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus  
          Christ our risen Lord.

**All:**    **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**OPENING HYMN**        The Church's One Foundation

<https://youtu.be/OQv4EAwMFoQ>

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Amen.                                Ps. 103:17**

**AN ACT OF PRAISE**        *Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

### **NEW TESTAMENT      Acts 7:55-60**

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.

### **PSALTER      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 fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me and lead me for your name’s sake. Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant and save me for your mercy’s sake.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Stephanie DeGeneste*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLmVWNCbV9o>

### NEW TESTAMENT 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.

### GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJx6Kf9YZ00>

'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.

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Lynn Santulli*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCiZKZ-c5yw>

## **SERMON HYMN      Jesu Lover of my Soul**

<https://youtu.be/7rH0WMMJ1K8>

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostle's Creed**

**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 on 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.**

**OFFERING - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can***

*even go to the church's website and click on 'Donate Now' to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)*

## **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**prepared by Elder Jeff Downing**

Father - We give you thanks today as we gather together in our homes to praise and worship you.

As we work through the challenges of this pandemic, we sometimes don't understand and comprehend what has occurred in the world. Please watch over us and give our leaders, researchers and doctors the wisdom to get ahead of this disease and bring medicine and healing to those in need.

We keep our trust and faith in You, and we ask that you guide us through the rough waters; unemployment, financial issues, loneliness, sadness, sickness and death. Watch over our families, friends, neighbors and our church family – as we live a 'new' normal, a change none of us have ever experienced or expected.

We give many thanks and praise for the medical workers – Doctors, Nurses, Techs, the support staff – maintenance, food servers, administration, our first responders – police, fire and EMS and others that are doing above and beyond such as teaching our children, working in grocery stores and serving food to the hungry.

Today, we celebrate our Mothers – we thank them for all they have done for us; caring, supporting and loving us. They have made us who we are today and we love them every minute of every day.

Lord, give us strength, hope and faith today and everyday with your guiding hand protecting us.

In your name we pray..... AMEN.

### **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 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.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

### **For All the Saints**

[https://youtu.be/j\\_UvXe-of-s](https://youtu.be/j_UvXe-of-s)

### **BENEDICTION**

**The joy of the Lord is your strength. Go from this time of worship and be encouraged for God has called you to serve Him this day and to live life abundantly. May the Lord bless and keep you, May His Face shine brightly upon you, May His Holy Spirit grant you peace.**

### **POSTLUDE**

Imitatione in h minor -J. S. Bach

Cameron Kuzepski

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAffR5oZ9OY>



## the Road Home

body  
wracked with  
burning. stinging. searing pain.  
body  
crushed with every persecution stone  
hurled at him  
as if screaming,  
Stephen, how dare you disagree with us.  
Stephen, how dare you tell us  
our long awaited Messiah  
was the one we hung on the cross.  
Stephen, how dare you claim  
He rose from the dead.

No, Stephen  
you deserve  
this torment  
you deserve  
this persecution  
you deserve  
this torture.  
you.  
you are no longer one of us.  
you.  
you are only worthy of  
death.

but no stone  
could break his body  
could break his determination  
could break his spirit  
even when his  
tormentors, persecutors, torturers  
covered their ears  
so as not to hear  
the last dying words of Stephen uttering  
as his Master had on the cross,  
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them."



nor could those  
tormentors, persecutors, torturers  
have perceived...  
before that fatal stone  
which stole his last earthly breath...  
by sight of the Holy Spirit  
Stephen  
had glimpsed heaven itself  
and the promised dwelling place  
already prepared ahead of him by his Lord and Savior.

Now we,  
the holy nation,  
the royal priesthood of believers,  
God's own people  
who have glimpsed heaven itself too  
through the eyes of Stephen  
and his martyred witness...  
we can boldly proclaim and rest in the assurance

our Road Home is  
through Jesus.  
the Way. the Truth. the Life.

Acts7:55-60 John14:2-6 1Peter:9,10

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