



Chapel of the Cross
Morning Prayer Rite II
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP)

DANCE WITH ME

*This is holy time, we're gathered together
To worship you, and love one another
And as we pray, and as we sing
And as we dance, and as we dream
Lord I beg of you, just this one thing:*

by Greg Evans

*Won't you dance with me? Throughout the heavens
And below the seas, and up on the mountain tops
Flow with the breeze, come carry me
Lord won't you dance with me?*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord, open our lips.

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

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

Pascha Nostrum

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 in Christ shall all be made alive. 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.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

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

spoken in unison

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."

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.

DEEP PEACE

by Kirk Dearmen

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the silent stars
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet Earth.*

*May peace, may peace, may peace fill your soul.
Let peace, let peace, let peace make you whole.
(Repeat x2)*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 14:1-14

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Laura Lee Boyles

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**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 LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

written by Chapel EYC

We pray for Churches around the world working to connect us with God and with each other and we pray for those currently displaced from their Church homes.

Grant us unity.

Father, we give you thanks for the Nation and ask for wisdom and guidance for our federal, local, and church leaders during this uncertain time.

Grant us guidance and empathy.

We pray for the health of our brothers and sisters around the world and for the protection of those working to heal us.

Grant us awareness and understanding.

We ask that you watch over the members of our congregation, our students and teachers, and all those in our community.

Grant us patience.

God, we pray that you hold close our neighbors who are unemployed or homeless, and those that are anxious and afraid for the future.

Grant us peace.

We ask for rest for our dearly departed, especially those who have passed on from COVID-19.

Grant them eternal rest.

Lastly, we give you thanks for all mothers and mother figures in our lives.

We thank you for their unending love and care. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

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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.**

O God, we give thanks for the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women who have mothered in other ways. We ask your blessing upon them on this day. We pray this in the name of God, who loves and cares for us as a mother cares for her children. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

At this time, you are invited to offer your intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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*

A BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

Irish Traditional, arr. Jeffrey H. Rickard

And the rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again,

may God hold you in the hollow of His hand

Thank you for joining us virtually at Chapel of the Cross.

We hope to see you in one of our Zoom Sunday school classes today!

Covington Room @ 9:00am (ask Ben for a link)

Catechesis Level II @ 9:00am (ask Stephania for a link)

Choir @ 9:30am (ask Michael for a link)

Middle Path @ 10:30am (ask Ben for a link)

Catechesis Level III @ 10:30am (ask Stephania for a link)

EYC @ 2:00pm (ask Sarah for a link)

A Children's Homily by Stephania will also be available on IGTV & Facebook today.