



the Church  
of **St Peter** and  
**St Simon**-the-Apostle

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 10, 2020

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Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

**Choral Matins at 10:30 am**

Officiant: The Reverend Michael Perry

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Robin Davis

Choristers: Katherine Jones, Ian Corlett, Jerod Bertram

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

**Prelude**

**Hymn 212** *The Strife O'er*

VICTORY

**Opening Sentences**

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

*Psalm 145.18*

*Other sentences may be said.*

**Invitation to Confession** – BCP p. 4

**Confession** – BCP pp. 4-5

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,

*All* **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution – BCP p. 5**

*Officiant* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that we may turn from our wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer – BCP pp. 5-6**

**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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen**

### **Versicles & Responses – BCP p. 6**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*All* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.** *You are invited to stand.*

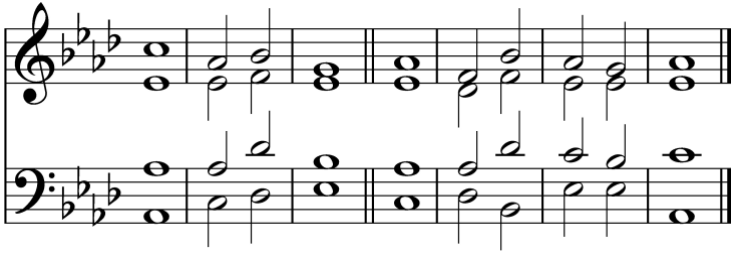
*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*All* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord;

*All* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Venite** Sung by all. Please remain standing, as able.



*Alleluia.* ' Christ is ' risen: /

\* O come, let us worship. ' Al-le ' lu ' ia.

O come, let us ' sing unto · the ' Lord: /

\* let us heartily rejoice in the ' strength of ' our sal'vation.

Let us come before his ' presence with ' thanksgiving /

\* and show ourselves ' glad in ' him with ' psalms.

For the Lord is a ' great ' God /

\* and a great ' King a·bove ' all ' gods.

In his hand are all the ' corners · of the ' earth /

\* and the ' strength of · the ' hills is · his ' also.

The sea is ' his and · he ' made it /

\* and his ' hands pre'pared the · dry ' land.

O come, let us worship and ' fall ' down /

\* and ' kneel be·fore the ' Lord, our ' Maker.

For he is the ' Lord our ' God /

\* and we are the people of his pasture, ' and the ' sheep of · his ' hand.

Today, O that ye would ' hear his ' voice: /

\* 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,  
and as in the day of Temp ' tation ' in the ' wilderness;

When your fathers ' tempted ' me, /

\* proved ' me, and ' saw my ' works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that gener ' ation, and ' said, /

\* "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they ' have not ' known my ' ways";

Unto whom I ' sware · in my ' wrath, /  
 \* that they should not ' enter ' into my ' rest.'

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. ' A- ' men.

*Alleluia. ' Christ is ' risen: /*  
*\* O come, let us worship. ' Al-le ' lu ' ia.*

*Please be seated for the reading.*

### **First Lesson Acts 7.55-60**

*Reader* The first lesson is written in the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Acts, beginning at the 55<sup>th</sup> verse.

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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31** (vs. 1-5, 15-16)

Holman



- 1 In thee, O Lord, have I ' put my ' trust; /  
 \* let me never be put to confusion; de ' liver me ' in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ' ear to ' me; /  
 \* make ' haste · to de ' liver ' me,
- 3 And be thou my strong rock and ' house of · de ' fence, /  
 \* that ' thou mayest ' save ' me.
- 4 For thou art my strong rock ' and my ' castle: /  
 \* be thou also my guide, and ' lead me ' for thy ' Name's sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have ' hidden ' for me; /  
 \* for ' thou ' art my ' strength.
- 15 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man ' out of ' mind; /  
 \* I am be ' come · like a ' broken ' vessel.
- 16 For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear is on ' every ' side; /  
 \* while they conspire together against me, and plot to ' take a ' way my ' life.
- 17 But my hope hath been in ' thee O ' Lord; /  
 \* I have ' said thou ' art my ' God.

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. ' A- ' men.

## Second Lesson 1 Peter 2.2-10

*Reader* The second lesson is written in the second chapter of the first Letter of Peter, beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.

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 marvellous 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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Te Deum** *Setting in B flat major.*

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*WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.*

*All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.*

*To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.*

*To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;*

*Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.*

*The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;*

*The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;*

*The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;*

*The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,*

*The Father, of an infinite Majesty;*

*Thine honourable, true, and only Son;*

*Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.*

*THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.*

*Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.*

*When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.*

*When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

*Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.*

*We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.*

*We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.*

*Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.*

*O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;*

*Govern them, and lift them up for ever.*

*Day by day we magnify thee;*

*And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.*

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.*

*O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.*

*O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.*

### **Third Lesson** *St. John 14.1-14*

*Reader* The third lesson is written in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel According to St John, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Benedictus** *Sung by all. Please stand.*



Blessed be the Lord ' God of ' Israel; /  
 \* for he hath visited, ' and re ' deemed his ' people;  
 and hath raised up a mighty sal ' vation ' for us, /  
 \* in the ' house of · his ' servant ' David;  
 as he spake by the mouth of his ' holy ' Prophets, /  
 \* which have been ' since the ' world be ' gan;  
 that we should be ' saved from · our ' enemies, /  
 \* and from the ' hands of ' all that ' hate us;  
 to perform the mercy promised ' to our ' forefathers, /  
 \* and to re ' member ' his ' holy covenant;  
 to perform the oath which he sware to our ' fore-father ' Abraham, /  
 \* that ' he would ' grant ' us  
 that we being delivered out of the ' hands of · our ' enemies /  
 \* might ' serve him · with ' out ' fear,  
 in holiness and ' righteousness be ' fore him, /  
 \* all the ' days of ' our ' life.  
 And thou, child, shalt be called the ' Prophet · of the ' Highest: /  
 \* for thou shalt go before the face of the ' Lord · to pre ' pare his ' ways;



to give knowledge of salvation ' unto his ' people /  
 \* for the re ' mission ' of their ' sins;  
 through the tender mercy ' of our ' God; /  
 \* whereby the day-spring ' from on ' high hath ' visited us;  
 to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the ' shadow of ' death, /  
 \* and to guide our feet ' into the ' way of ' peace.

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. ' A- ' men.

### **The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11**

*Officiant* I believe in God

*All* **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.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you;

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father

*All* **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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*All* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save the Queen;

*All* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*All* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;

*All* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*All* **And evermore mightily defend us.**

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*All* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills of the sinful; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; so that, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Peace**

*Officiant* O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Grace**

*Officiant* O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anthem** *Beati Quorum Via*

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*Beati quorum via integra est,  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

*Psalms 119.1*

**Homily** The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

**Hymn 278** *Jerusalem the Golden*

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**Prayers**

**General Thanksgiving** – *BCP* pp. 13-14

*Officiant* O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of people; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Prayer of St Chrysostom**

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

### **The Grace**

*All* **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Hymn 300** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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**Postlude** *Pastorale in F Major IV. Allegro moderato*

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