

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 10, 2020

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Lana Pieczynski, Guest Organist

Prelude: *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" - Sebastian Temple / Arr. by Lloyd Larson*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional hymn LEVAS#106

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall, take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.**

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! *People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Gloria: S-236 Glory to you, Lord

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Collect (said by all)

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.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Acts

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. *Acts 7:55-60*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

Silence

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

said by all, in unison

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**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."

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel John 14:1-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord **People** **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

Prayers of the People

God of grace and love, we pray for your richest blessing upon all mothers.

Loving God, we thank you that Jesus enjoyed a mother's love and grew up within a family. **Thanks be to God!**

We thank you for the homes where we were born and for the care and affection of our mothers. **Thanks be to God!**

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We thank you if we are still privileged to enjoy the warmth and security of family life. **Thanks be to God!**

We pray for all mothers today:

For expectant mothers, especially those waiting the birth of their first child; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For working mothers with young children, who get tired and harassed with so much to do; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those with difficult homes, whose children are more of a problem than a blessing; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those with difficult husbands, who find it hard to be constant and loving; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who find it hard to make ends meet, or who go short themselves for the sake of their families; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who are nearly at the end of their tether; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who are anxious because their children are growing up and seem to be growing away from them; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who feel a sense of emptiness as their children marry and leave home; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those mothers who are trying to make Christ real to their families; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who do not know him as their Savior, nor how to cast their care on him; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who are elderly and may feel unwanted; **We pray to you O Lord.**

For those who have no husband to share their responsibilities – the widowed, the divorced, and the unmarried mother; **We pray to you O Lord.**

We pray also for those who have been denied the privilege of motherhood, those who cannot have children of their own, and those who have never had the opportunity to marry; **We pray to you, O Lord.**

Lastly we pray for those closest to us, may we love and care for them as we ourselves have been loved and helped. We ask it for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

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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.

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* - Janet Vogt

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: WLP #875 Be Known to Us

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

One body we are, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Communion

Prayer

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 at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,

be thou still my strength and shield.

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *"Brother James' Air (The Lord, My Shepherd Guards Me Well / How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place)"* –
Penny Rodriguez