

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 10, 2020

PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19

HYMN – CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is risen, sing, O Christian, wipe the tears of grief away,
all who would now seek salvation, come, rejoice with us this day.
: He has risen, Lord in glory, as He hath foretold His victory,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing Alleluia! :

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, humbly we would ask of Thee,
that we might know Thy salvation, and o'er death, know victory,
:That we might come with Thy chosen, and behold Thee, Lord of Heaven,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing Alleluia,! :

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face”; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

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

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of ☩ God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You promised that when we seek You with all our heart, we will find You. Give us such a total desire for You that we will not cease our search until You show us Your salvation and reveal Your presence.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows
were being neglected in the daily distribution.
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,
“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task,
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”
The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them.
The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly;
even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the Lord on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. Alleluia.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. Alleluia.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God, 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 says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

ALLELUIA VERSE: John 14:6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, 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, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

REFLECTION – *Adapted from One Bread, One Body*

We rely on our phone or GPS (Global Positioning System) to tell us where to go. The GPS device knows your exact location on earth. You tell it where you want to go. Then the GPS talks to you in a voice that tells you each street to turn on, and exactly where to drive. People trust the voice on the GPS.

Each of us has problems in this life, and we want to know "the way" out of these problems. We'd like a GPS to show us "the way" to move from debt to financial freedom, from addiction to freedom, from discord to unity, etc. We want directions for the way out. We ask: "How can we know the way" out of our situation? (Jn 14:5)

We want a roadmap, but God has a better plan; He gives us directions in the form of a Person: Jesus, the Way (Jn 14:6). Jesus always knows our exact physical location on earth. Moreover, He knows exactly where we are spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. Finally, His plan for us is the perfect way to get to our destination!

Our ultimate destination in this life is to spend eternity with God in heaven, and Jesus says: "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn 14:6). Jesus is the Way. Especially in this time of pandemic - Follow Him and He will show us the way!

(A few moments for silent reflection)

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYER

Lord our God, sanctify our gifts and purify our hearts.

Placing our needs before You may we walk in the light of Your countenance.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

No one has even seen God. The only Son, God, Who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for the ages, the cornerstone of our salvation, now revealed in the Holy Eucharist.

Through Your Holy resurrection build us into a living temple to contain the glory of God.

For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, You gave us mothers for the rearing of each new generation and the fulfillment of Your purposes on earth. You poured into their hearts the graces of faith, love and sacrifice.

On this day, dedicated to the honor of our mothers, we ask that You bless all mothers. Empower them to lovingly fulfill the obligations You have given them, as they look to the example of Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, and to the lives of all devoted and holy women.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

REGINA CAELI - ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia
R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we humbly ask You, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ☩ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: MARY DEAR MOST BEAUTEOUS VIRGIN

Mary dear, most beautiful virgin on this day we greet thee.
From this world of sin and sadness we would sing thy glory.
Mother dear, we ask of thee, on this day be with us.
Mother dear, on this day we sing thy praise and glory.
Mother dear we honor thee, Mother dear, we honor thee,
Mother dear, on this day we sing thy praise and glory.

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