

Fifth Sunday of Easter, year A

May 10, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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Focus on the Season: Fifth Sunday of Easter, year A

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's Gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. In the meantime, our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in and to the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Everything for worship is now included in one video. You may wish to print these pages before worship, as you won't be switching back and forth anymore and it would be helpful to have an order of service to follow along in the home.

There are several places where you are invited to respond or even lead; these are clear in the video.

Note: following the worship video is a special Mother's Day recital by some of the young people of Mount Olive, in a separate video. The link is at the end of these pages.

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. **[Start the video by clicking here](#)**; it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "Come My Way," from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chandler Molbert, baritone; Cantor Cherwien, organ. Poem by George Herbert.

EASTER GREETING

Greet one another with the good news!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN: ELW 367, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, year C, May 19, 2019.

Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60; reader – assisting minister Kat Campbell Johnson

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ 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. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ 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.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.

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 de- | liver 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 tow- | er of strength.

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

My times are | in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

Let your face shine up- | on your servant; * save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10; reader – assisting minister Kat Campbell Johnson

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.” ⁷ 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,” ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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 ACCLAMATION: ELW 388, “Be Not Afraid”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday of Easter, year A, May 4, 2014.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

Jesus said to the disciples, ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’? ¹⁰ Do you not trust 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. ¹¹ Trust me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then trust me because of the works themselves. ¹² I tell you the truth, the one who trusts 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

SERMON

Live

Pr. Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection

HYMN: “He Is the Way” (Not included in ELW; text: W. H. Auden; tune: NEW DANCE)

Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday in Lent, year B, February 18, 2018.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Our Assisting Minister for today, Kat Campbell-Johnson, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ.

*Respond to each petition: **Hear our prayer.***

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

PEACE

Please greet others with Christ’s peace. If you haven’t called someone to join this prayer together, perhaps you might take the time now to call another and wish them peace.

Sending

HYMN: ELW 477, “I Received the Living God”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 21 B, August 26, 2018.

CONCLUDING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:

- 🔊 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- 🔊 **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- 🔊 Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
- 🔊 **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on NEW DANCE

Recorded live by Cantor David Cherwien on May 6, 2020

Mother’s Day Recital – performances by our youth and children. Performances by Ella Treitler, Ivy Treitler, Lucy Treitler, Elena Molbert, Eleanor Crippen, Rose Thompson, and Sedona Crosby.

Click on the bold title to watch. The program is on the next page.

Mount Olive Mother's Day Recital

Lucy Treitler – Minuet no. 2, J.S. Bach

Elena Molbert – Lullaby, Johannes Brahms

Ivy Treitler – Scherzo, C. Webster

Eleanor Crippen – “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious,” Richard and Robert Sherman
“I Just Can't Wait to be King,” Elton John

Rose Thompson – “From Now On”

Ella Treitler – Melody, Robert Schumann

Sedona Crosby – Dance