



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 9 am

9 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Outdoors

Ministers of the Liturgy

Mother Judith

Our Youth

Allison Kee, Emily Kee, Nathan Pirelli, Teagan Richards,
Zoey Richards, Lauren Ruggiero,
Tessa Scrimgeour, Landon Sweet

Musicians:

Randolph Bloom, Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
[2 Corinthians 5:17]

Opening Hymn

I come with joy

Hymnal #304

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.*

*Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.*

Mother Judith Opening Prayer

Central Conference of Rabbis

Holy God our Creator, you have come among us as the Vine of love, showing us that every branch that learns to love will bear much fruit, and still be pruned to love more deeply. By your love, we gather this morning in joyful worship, to celebrate the power of Christ returned to life and death calling us to a faith-filled future. Be with us as we worship in the name of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia

Landon Sweet & Lauren Ruggiero

Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, * **and a great King above all gods.**
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * **and the heights of the hills are his also.**
The sea is his, for he made it, * **and his hands have molded the dry land.**
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Allison & Emily Kee Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; ***he rules over the nations.**
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Tessa Scrimgeour A Reading from the Book of Acts [8:26-40]

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and walk over to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now coming down the road he met was an Ethiopian court official, the one who was in charge of the queen's entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and climb in it." So Philip ran up to the chariot and heard him reading. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone helps me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: *"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he was silent. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."* The Ethiopian asked Philip, "Tell me, who is the prophet talking about? Is he describing himself or someone else? Then Philip took the opportunity to talk about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the

chariot to stop, and both of them went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God snatched Philip away; the Ethiopian did not see him any more and went on his own way rejoicing. But Philip continued on his journey north, preaching in all the towns he passed.

Lauren Ruggiero A Song of Our Adoption [Ephesians 1:3-10]

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *

for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *

that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *

according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, *

that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace *

which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, * the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *

as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, * things in heaven and things on earth



Nathan Pirelli A Reading from the Gospel of John [15:1-8]

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide

in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker



Homily

Landon Sweet **A Song of Faith** **1 Peter [1:3-4,18-21]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us * was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, * the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

Mother Judith **The Apostles' Creed**

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.

Mother Judith & Zoey Richards The Prayers

Show us your love, O Lord; **we love you**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **we will sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **we know you keep us safe.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care; **we will be fair and just.**

Let your way be known upon earth; **we will share your love.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **everyone turns to you.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; **help us to grow strong.**

Zoey Richards The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Teagan Richards Collect of the Day

Holy and Loving God, you understand us whether we are weak or strong. You promised that we can be as close to God as Jesus was, and we know that you are with us everywhere and all the time. Show us how to find a new way to be with you, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Tessa Scrimgeour & Allison Kee The Prayers of the People

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind, let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior.

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection, especially through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Douglas, and all bishops, priests and deacons. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community and in trust that God will guide us in calling a new Rector. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may show us how to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our freedom and in hope that by his power, war and famine may cease through all the world, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially to those we name silently or aloud, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may hold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the Wisdom that has directed and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

Emily Kee A Prayer for Wisdom

Holy and Loving God, by water and the Holy Spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Landon Sweet A Prayer said during Ramadan

ALLAH, on this day, multiply for me its blessings, and ease my path towards its bounties; do not deprive me of the acceptance of its good deeds, O the One who sends down tranquility into the hearts of believers. **Amen.**

Lauren Ruggiero A Prayer in Time of Transition

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

Teagan Richards A Prayer for this Week

Holy God, thank you for loving us and being with us today. Thank you for everything you have done for us. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent your son Jesus for us. Thank you for our families and our friends. Please help us in the week ahead. We know that you will be with us in every day, no matter how we feel. Help us in everything we will do. Help us to find ways to help each other and to be good friends to each other. **Amen.**

Mother Judith A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Mother Judith Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to fulfill his purpose, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight. **Amen.**

Mother Judith Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Riguadon

Andre Campra

