



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### ♪ Hymn (291) ♪

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring,  
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with Thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear Thy servants as they pray;  
and Thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants,  
what they ask of Thee to gain;  
what they gain from Thee for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in Thy glory  
evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

*'Urbs beata Jerusalem' (c. 7th century)*  
*trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

### ♪ Hymn (209) ♪

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, He all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like Him, like Him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to Thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### ♪ Hymn (664) ♪

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his  
wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of Thy Name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

### ♪ **Chant (CAHON 943)** ♪

○ - Surrexit Christus, Alleluia!  
○ - Cantate Domino, Alleluia!  
Christ arose, Alleluia!  
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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### ♪ **Hymn (CAHON 47)** ♪

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
one with each other, Jesus is here;  
joined by the Spirit, washed in the  
blood,  
part of the body, the Church of God.  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
one with each other, Jesus is here.

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Music*

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### ♪ **Hymn (475)** ♪

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true  
King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;  
kingship with Him His servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share  
Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us  
forth

this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear His Word:  
He claims our minds to search His  
ways;

He claims our lips to speak His truth;  
He claims our hearts to sing His praise.

We are His Church, He makes us one:  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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## First Reading

*Acts 7.55–end*

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.

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 2.2–10*

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 marvellous 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

*John 14.1–14*

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe 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 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. 11 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. 12 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. 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.'

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us  
the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of  
eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with  
him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.