



Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MORRISTOWN, TN**

**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MORNING PRAYER (LSB 235 - 242)  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

## Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**+ PSALMODY +**

## Antiphon

P Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

## Venite

C **O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

P Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

C **For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.**

P In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

C **The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.**

P O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

C **For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Antiphon

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Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

**LSB 644**

- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore

Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

### + SCRIPTURE READINGS +

#### **First Reading**

*Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60*

P The First Reading is from Acts, the sixth chapter.

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran...

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 146:1-10*

L A reading from Psalm One Hundred Forty-six.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

**who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;

**he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**Praise the LORD!**

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*1 Peter 2:2–10*

P The Epistle is from 1 Peter, the second chapter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his

marvelous light. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 14:1–14*

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, 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 say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

### Sermon

+ CANTICLE +

### Benedictus

C **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and redeemed them. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.**

L You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of their salvation by the forgiveness of their sin. In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**+ PRAYER +**

*Those we remember in our Prayers:* Louis & Eyvonne, Georgia, Beth, Tom, Dave, Donna, Lavonne, Eric, Robin, Cynthia, Lillian, Edward, Brennen, Charles, Ed, William, Kathy, Frank, Fred, Erin, Charlie, Maddie, Bill & Jim, Billy, Gary, Andrew, Walt and Doris, Ray, George and Wendy Jo.

**Collect of the Day**

L Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

L Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Collect for Grace**

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

**Lord's Prayer**

**C 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Te Deum

**C** You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we acclaim You. You are the eternal Father; all creation worships You. To You all angels, all the pow'rs of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of prophets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You: Father, of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When You became man to set us free, You did not spurn the virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated God's right hand in glory. We believe that You will come and be our judge. Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

**P** O God, for our redemption You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with You and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C Amen.**

## Sending

**P** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**C He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

## Those in His Service

Elder on Call: Jim Kesick

Trustee on Call: Craig Siemsen



## FULFILLING OUR MISSION, here is our CONGREGATIONAL ACTION PLAN...

*Guided by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we will respond:*

- **Spiritually**, by our study of Scripture and prayer as we participate in the work of the Lord.
- **Inwardly**, by inviting all our members to be faithful in worship.
- **Outwardly**, by sharing Christ with those who don't know the LORD and His mission or our Congregation.
- **Sacrificially**, by giving not only of our treasure, but also our time and talent, so that His light shines through us to draw His People to Him.

### News & Notes

**Please remember...** that even though we are prevented from gathering in His House, there are still things that need to continue in support of the work there, so please send your offerings and gifts as you are able either by mail or electronic means.

FYI: OSLC: 2717 Buffalo Trail Morristown, TN 37814

COTC: POB 4069 Harrogate, TN 37752

**Also...**check out Dale's musical offering of Hymns and Sacred Music to supplement our worship service if you haven't already...*PG*

**And...**I wish to remind everyone that during this time of Social Distancing, I am still willing and able to meet with you as you make your essential trips into town to get groceries or medicines. Feel free to stop by the Lord's house to receive Holy Communion. Call the church or call or text me to let me know to expect you... (I'd even do it without you leaving your car, if you need me to...)

**HYMN REQUESTS** If anyone has a favorite hymn they would like included In Dale's musical offerings, please email him at [dstanton7997@yahoo.com](mailto:dstanton7997@yahoo.com). It can be Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Gospel...whatever you like.

**Your Contributions to The Lord's Work  
at Our Savior from last Sunday:  
Envelope \$1105.00, Elder's Outreach Fund \$200.00, Total \$1305.00.**