

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 6-7, 2023
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Prelude

Entrance Hymn (*stand*) "At the Lamb's High Feast" LSB 633, sts. 1-5
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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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. **Amen.**

First Reading (*sit*) *The Stoning of Stephen* Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now 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. ²And 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. ³Therefore, 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. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And 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. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And 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.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then 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.

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me . . .

⁵¹"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which 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, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And 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.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;***he has put all things un- | der his feet.****Epistle** *A Living Stone and a Holy People*

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you 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. ⁶For 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.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
 and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.****Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Romans 6:9; John 14:23

C **Al- le- | lu- ia.* Al- le- | lu- ia.**A We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;*
 death no longer has dominion | over Him.C **Al- le- | lu- ia.* Al- le- | lu- ia.**A If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will | love him,*
 and we will come to him and make our | home with him.C **Al- le- | lu- ia.* Al- le- | lu- ia.****Holy Gospel** *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

John 14:1-14

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus 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’? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²Truly, 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. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If 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.**

Hymn of the Day (*sit*) "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

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Solo You are the way;
All **Through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.**

Solo You are the truth;
All **Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.**

Solo You are the life;
All **The empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.**

Solo You are the way, the truth, the life;
All **Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.**

Sermon "Road Trip to Heaven"

John 14:1-14

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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Prayer of the Church

Offering (*sit*)

Offertory (*stand*)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

Distribution (*sit*) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918

Post-Communion Hymn (*stand*) "Thine the Amen"

LSB 680, st. 5

Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness
Only Thee only Thee.

Post-Communion Collect (*congregation responds "Amen"*)

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Benediction

congregation responds "Amen"

Closing Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast"

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Postlude

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