



St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church
Keller, Texas

Service of the Word

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Prelude *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Acclamation Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
People **The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis Page 356, Book of Common Prayer

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Page 225, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

Page 674, Book of Common Prayer

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

Before the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ**

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Ron Pogue
Interim Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer for the Rector Search

Intercessor and People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Martin's, 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 equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form II

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The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott, Rayford & Sam our Bishops; Ron, Ayo, Judy, Frank and Diana, our clergy; Liza our Children's Minister, Haleigh our Youth Minister, Jim our Assistant Music Director, Joe our Organist, Corrie our seminarian, and Paula our Candidate for Holy Orders for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

In our [Anglican Cycle of prayer](#) we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.

In our [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#) we pray for Holy Comforter in Cleburne, St. Matthew in Comanche, and Resurrection in Decatur.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Willy, Brookly, Zach, Robert, Chuck, Eburn, Diana & Jim, Brandy & Mark

I ask your prayers for those on the parish prayer list for healing or support: Shawn, Mary Jane, Helen, Jenny, Molly, Ruthie, Fred, Margaret, Mary, Don, Ben, Ann, Suzette, Ernie, Jeanie, Bill, Alan, Laura, Kathy, Shirley, Nick, Sarah, Jean, Carrie, Adrian, Tilly, Eva, Judy, Scott, JR, Paula, Myra, Claudia, Patricia and for all their family members and caregivers.

I ask your prayers for all whose lives are affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic, for healthcare personnel, for public health officials, for first responders, and for scientists seeking solutions.

I ask your prayers for those who are traveling:

I ask your prayers for God's blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for God's people. I ask your prayers for all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of God's creation may abound from age to age.

I ask your prayers for those with employment concerns: Rick, Jeff, Janet, Rebecca, Mark, Aaron, Leslie, Sarah, Collins, Chris, Jenny and all those who are out of work at this time.

I ask your prayers for those in the military: Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Rich, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, Jason, John, Deion, Tanner, Benjamin, Timian, Will, John, James, Chris, Kip, Steve, Alex, Christopher and all soldiers and civilians in harm's way.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially [_____ and] those we name in our hearts.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Officiant may offer a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory

Lord Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

Lord Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone (1846-1873)

Music: GORDON, Adoniram Judson Gordon (1836-1895)

Even though we are not able to meet together during this time, the work of the Church continues. Please mail your offering to St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 223 Pearson Lane, Keller, Texas 76248-5348, or contribute online at <https://www.stmartininthefields.org/give/>

General Thanksgiving

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Celebrant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude Allegro Vivace G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

The Very Reverend Ronald D. Pogue
Interim Rector

The Reverend Ayo Omoniyi
Deacon

Dr. Joseph Henry
Organist/Choirmaster

Joan Thelin
Lector

Deneice Wood
Worship Leader

Chuck Ambrose
Video Producer

Remember to join our Virtual Coffee Hour every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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