



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 15, 2022

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY THEODORA CICHOSKI AND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS GERARD CICHOSKI

READINGS: ACTS 11:1-18; REVELATION 21:1-6; PSALM 148; JOHN 13:31-35

Organ: Fugue - Gustav Merkel

Hymn 213, verses 1-4; Come Away to the Skies, My Beloved

The Word of God

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

Hymnal S-280: Glory to God in the Highest

**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.**

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

IN THIS READING FROM THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH, PETER TELLS OF HIS HEAVENLY VISION AND HOW THE OBSERVANCE OF FOOD LAWS WAS NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR DISCIPLESHIP.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that those outside the Jewish faith had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step.

"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

"At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them to the house of Cornelius, and to preach to him and those gathered there, and to make no distinction between them and us. I went, and as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'"

So Peter asked his critics, "If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

PSALM 148 IS SUNG (PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

**Hallelujah! Give praise to God from heaven and in the heights;
Praise him all angels, sun and moon, praise him all shining lights.**

**Praise him, high heavens and floods above, let them all praise his Name;
For he commanded by his word, He spoke and forth they came.**

**He gave them being, they stand fast in his eternal sway;
The Lord has given them a law which shall not pass away.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

IN THIS LESSON JOHN THE SEER HAS A VISION OF THE RENEWAL OF ALL CREATION. CHRIST IN VICTORY, THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, PROMISES LIVING WATER TO ANY WHO THIRST.

John wrote, 'I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

'And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

Hymn 205, v. 4:

**Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

THE IONA AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do we believe?

We believe in God:

**Whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was made human in Jesus of Nazareth,
Whose love was crucified by evil that can entrap us.**

**Therefore, though we sometimes are fearful and doubting, we trust in God,
and in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves:**

**To serve others, to seek justice, and to live in peace,
To care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
To live in the freedom of forgiveness, in the power of Love's spirit,
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,
For the glory of God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Lord, responding to each petition with, **"Hear us, Risen Lord"**

(Special prayers, intentions and thanksgivings are offered.)

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Receive these prayers, O God; receive also our penitence. Transform us through both, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do for others, so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. This we pray. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Solo: Love One Another - Hal Hopson

Love one another, love as I have loved you. This is a new commandment I give to you: to love, love one another with all your heart, by this I will know, by this I will know you are mine. Hear, oh, hear me: see the hungry, then share your food. Hear, oh, hear me: see the homeless, then build a house. You are my hands. You are my feet and my voice. For when you help all those in need you do it for them and for me. Love one another, etc. Hear, oh, hear me: see the suffering, then share a word. Hear, O hear me: see the captives, then set them free. You are my hands. You are my feet and my voice. For when you help all those in need you do it for them and for me. Love one another, etc.

Hymn 487, Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We rejoice to give you thanks and praise, God of love . . .

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing with them this song of your unending praise:

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After all have received, please stand.

God of love; **In this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we
always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

May the presence of our risen Lord fill us with hope and peace; and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn 529, In Christ There is No East or West

Organ: Toccata - James Mansfield

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