



“WHO AM I?”
Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:00AM
Worship Service

INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 30)*

- P** *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*
C **Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.”**
P *Let the house of Aaron say: “His love endures forever.”*
C **Let those who fear the LORD say: “His love endures forever.”**
P *In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.*
C **The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?**
P *The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.*
C **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people.**
P *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.*
C **The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**
P *Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”*
C **The LORD’S right hand is lifted high; the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!**
P *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;*
C **The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** *These words from Psalm 15:*
O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

The Ten Commandments teach us how we are to respect our neighbor and still we remain unreconciled with others or persist in behaviors we know are wrong. Yet, because of His love for us, our Lord Jesus

Christ call us unto Himself, to confess our sins, where through His grace, we are made right with God and counted worthy to stand before the Father's throne.

C Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P *We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.*

C We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P *We condemn the sins of others, but ignore our own.*

C We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

P *You alone know how often we have grieved you;*

C By pursuing our own glory, and ignoring yours;

P *By trusting in ourselves, and doubting you; by considering ourselves as more important than others.*

C Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

P *Hear the Good News! This is your baptismal identity in Christ Jesus. "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10).*

C "The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

KYRIE

P *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *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.

FIRST READING

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. . . .

⁵¹You 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.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

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.

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 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.

¹²“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. 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.

SERMON

“Who Am I”

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.*

Almighty God, with the whole creation, we praise You for Your gift of life and the world that sustains us and all the living. Grant that seeing Your even greater gift of deliverance from the disfigurement of sin and the promise of the renewal of Your original design all people may come to repentance and faith in Your gracious invitation through Jesus Christ, risen and victorious over death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Give power to Your Word as it is proclaimed boldly by Your Church filled with the Holy Spirit in the faithful witness of all—as it is preached and taught by all who are ordained and commissioned by You as well as those to whom You have given the gifts to be faithful witnesses of Your salvation and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Turn the hearts of all who bear the authority of government in our land and around the world that they serve and lead all people in the ways of justice, peace, and freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *To all who suffer sickness or injury, give the comfort of Your healing. And to all who suffer any persecution for standing for the truth of the Christian faith, give strength to endure. To all increase faith and faithfulness, believing that the risen Christ leads us to the glory of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *For all the faithful who have gone before us, for the prophets and apostles, for saints and martyrs, especially for Your servant Stephen, we give You thanks and ask that You strengthen us to walk according to their example throughout all our days to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

C **Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

C **Amen.**

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