

PARISH LIFE

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:

WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday, May 10, 2020 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE

Sacring Bell

Processional Hymn

All stand when the bell rings.

Hymnal

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Versicles, Gloria & Salutation

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Introduction: As Moses continues to declare the Word of the Lord to the people of Israel, he exhorts them to explain to the generations to come how God delivered them from their slavery in Egypt and why following His ways are for their best.

Deuteronomy 6:20-25: "When your son asks you in time to come saying, "What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the Lord our God commanded you?" Then you shall say to your son, "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand. 'Moreover the Lord showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.' "So the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today. It will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all the commandment before the Lord our God, just as He commanded us."

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

2 **Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.**

3 For all the world shall worship you, sing to you, and praise your Name.”

4 **O come and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; therefore in him let us rejoice.

6 **He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

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

8 **Who holds our soul in life, and does not allow our feet to slip.**

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

10 **You brought us into the snare and laid trouble upon our backs.**

11 You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of plenty.

SECOND READING

Introduction: In this lesson the Apostle Peter describes Christians as “*a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,*” called by God to His service. As newly (re) born disciples, we are exhorted to purify ourselves and, as living stones, to be joined together with Christ, the “Rejected One,” who is the cornerstone of True Faith. We are now the New Israel, called out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:1-12: “Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner *stone*, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.” This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “The stone which the builders rejected, this became the very corner stone,” and, “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

HOLY GOSPEL

Introduction: Without apologies, Jesus makes the claim that He is The Way, The Truth and The Life. He emphasizes this by adding that *no one* comes to the Father *except* through Him. Many people have trouble with this verse (v.6) for being too “narrow”; but the truth is that God’s way is narrow, and “*wide is the door that leads to destruction*” (Mt. 7:13). For this reason we are called with urgency to be God’s servants in ministry, that *all* might enter His kingdom by that one and only narrow gate.

St. John 14:1-14: (Jesus said) “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you 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 so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who 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 initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”

Sermon Hymn Hymnal

The Sermon Fr. Ward

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr Bk.pp. 127-129

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory 9:15am
11:15am

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Week Preface (Euch. Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn 9:15am
9:15 & 11:15am

Closing Hymn

Hymnal

The Dismissal CLERGY: “Let us bless the Lord.”
PEOPLE: “Thanks be to God”

THE CALENDAR

Sun. 4/26 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE
Mon. 4/27
Tues. 4/28
Wed. 4/29
Thur. 4/30
Sat. 5/02
Sun. 5/03 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School

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