

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022**

Low Mass | *Eight in the Morning*

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**WELCOME!**

Welcome to the Church of the Atonement. We are so glad that you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to participate fully in today's service, and we offer this leaflet to help you do so. If the Episcopal liturgy is new to you, we hope that you will follow along with the suggested congregational actions (sitting, kneeling, standing), ask for help if you need it, and participate to the extent you feel comfortable. Very soon you will find that the rhythm of this worship will become your own. If you are a visitor to Atonement, we invite you to sign our guest book at the back of the church and to please introduce yourself to one of the priests following the service. You are most welcome to visit us on any day and every day. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope that you will find one here.



*Our Celebrant today is Father John Moulder.*

*The People stand as the Altar Party enters.*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*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** **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 Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray: 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 life; 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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading (*please sit*)

**Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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 and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 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.' 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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

## Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

## Revelation 21:1-6

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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** (*please stand*)

**John 13:31-35**

*Reader* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Reader* Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

*People* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Brother Ronald A. Fox, BSG

**Nicene Creed** (*please stand*)

**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: (*bow*)**

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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray for the Church  
and for the world.

God of life, strengthen your Church to proclaim the Gospel with boldness  
and serve our neighbors with compassion. Guide the Church of the  
Atonement in this time of transition, that this parish may continue to be a  
beacon of love to this city and to the world. Bring joy to all those around the  
world who celebrate this Easter season and use us to draw more and more  
people into the light of the resurrection. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Pour out an abundance of your peace on this and every nation, that violence  
and warfare may cease, and all peoples work together to care for one  
another and for the preservation of our planet. Risen Lord, **hear our  
prayer.**

Send your healing grace upon the United States, that we will learn to heal  
our unhappy divisions and strive for justice, freedom, and peace. Risen  
Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this city of Chicago, that all who call this city home may live in safety,  
find meaningful work and service, and be treated with respect and dignity.  
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Create in us grateful hearts for all the blessings of our lives, that we may constantly be reminded of the gifts that are so freely given to us. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all those who are sick, in trouble, or in any kind of need. Help them find the resources, care, and friendship to aid them in their distress. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Give rest and peace to all those who have died, that they may know the joys of eternal life. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, we give you great thanks for the blessings of Easter. Help us to keep the joy of your Resurrection in our hearts always and give us grace to live each day in the light of your gift of new and eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (*please stand*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Here a proper Preface is said.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we praise you...

### **Sanctus & Benedictus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

## Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant* **Christ has died.**

*& People* **Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say;

## The Lord's Prayer

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## The Invitation

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion, which will be offered in one kind only. If you are not baptized, or if you prefer, you may receive a blessing from the Priest. To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with a Priest after the Mass. Gluten-free hosts are always available.*

## Post Communion Prayer (please kneel)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to**

love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal** (*please stand*)

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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