

May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prelude *The Prayer* Sager/Foster/Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (from Luke 24:34; Matthew 5:6)

L: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen, indeed!

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

P: For they will be filled

Time of Confession and Pardon

Congregational Response #698 – “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Take, O Take Me as I Am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Offertory *People Need the Lord* McHugh/Nelson/Marsh
(Clarinet Solo: Don Sullivan)

Second Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 2:1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and

whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” 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, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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.

Sermon – “God’s Own People”

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Preparation#516 – “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” v. 1-3

(verse 1)

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
For the words that you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

(verse 2)

By this promise that you love us, by your gifted peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us; hallow all our lives, O Lord.

(verse 3)

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for you keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your joy and salvation to all the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

We Say “Amen”

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