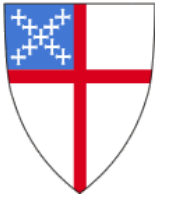


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A
RCL



Prayer Requests

We give thanks for our mutual interdependence in Christ, and pray for healing of body, mind, and soul.

For Parish members, especially:

Teddy, Ron, Anne, Amanda, Margaret, Xander, Deborah, Paul, Millie, Theo, Gavin

For the homebound, especially:

Odell, Bill, Mary, Quinn

For our family and friends, especially:

Bruce, Dave, Mica, Michelle, Deborah, Kaylee, Laura, Chase, the Phillips family, Tim, the Baker family, Gaia, Patrick, Justine, Jim, Cindy, Millie, Mike, Calvin, Annetta, Mike, Clara, Alex, Malachi, Gary & Tracy

For our Safe Stay guests:

Steve, John, Kevin, David, Johnse, Jay, Shelly, Jeri, Larry, Suzanne

For those who have said no prayers, and for whom no one has prayed.

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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Opening Hymn Songbook #1 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

Song of Praise Songbook #9 “Sing a new song”

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like 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. For 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."

To 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", and "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.

But 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. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Before the Gospel Hymnal #182 "Christ is alive"

The Gospel John 14:1-14

Communion Hymn Hymnal #711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Closing Hymn Hymnal #335 "I am the bread of life"