

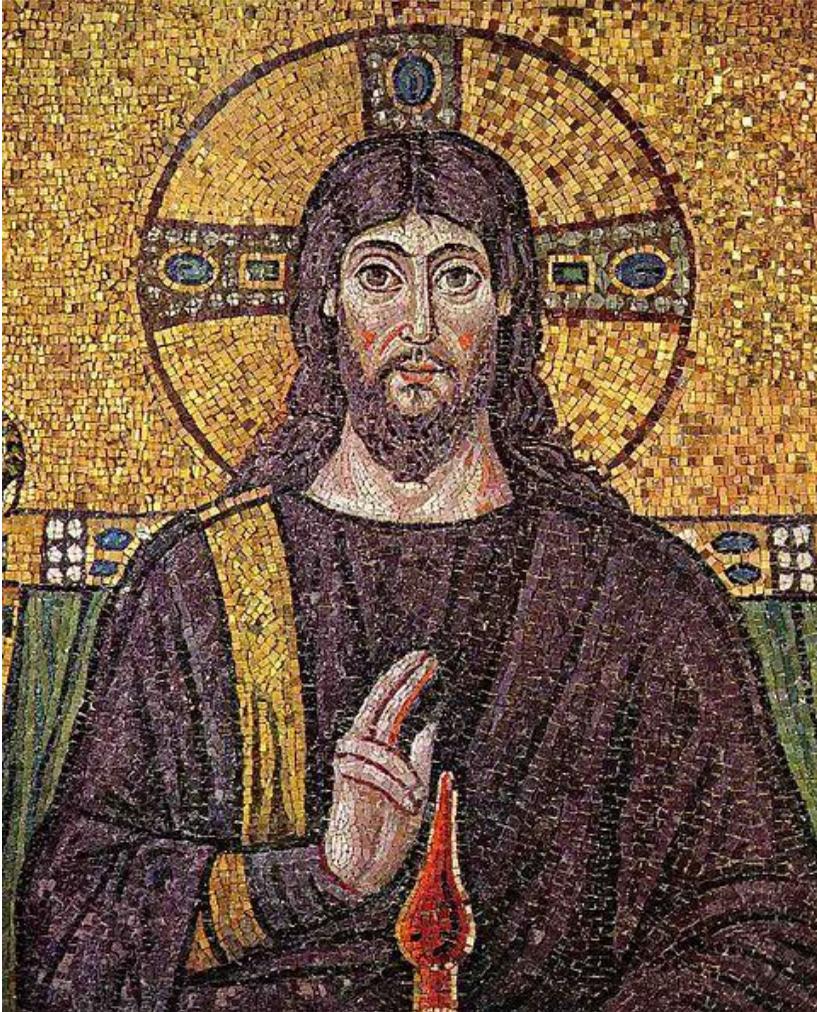
***Emmanuel Episcopal Church***

***Welcomes you***

***Fifth Sunday after Easter***

***Holy Communion***

***May 14, 2017, 11 AM***



***Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr. Regina Christianson***  
***Organist and Choir Master: Kenyon G. Scott***

***Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the world.***

# The Holy Communion

**Prelude**

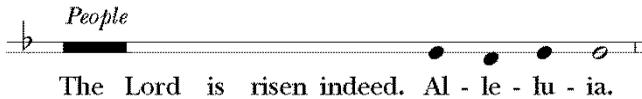
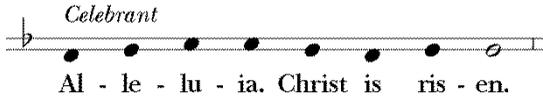
*Come, My Way (from Five Mystical Songs)*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

**Entrance**

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

**Hymn 518**



**Collect for Purity** (said by all): *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**

**Hymn 421**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Collect of the day** (said by all) *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 First Lesson**

**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** *In te, Domine, speravi*

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."

## **The Epistle**

**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.

**Sequence**

*Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary*

**Hymn 190**

**Alleluia**

*Malawi Alleluia*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 14:1-14**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

**Sermon**

The Rev'd Dr. Regina Christianson

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

## Prayer of the People, Form VI

BCP p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; especially for Donald, our President, and Mark, Tim, and Thomas, and all who serve in Congress.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; especially Rosemary, Paul Noble, Paul, Mollie, Bishop Heath, Nick, Michael, Jane, Mary Catherine, Brenda, Mary, Rachel, Bob, Bill, Billy, Ashleigh, and Phyllis.

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Holly, our Bishop; and all other ministers of the church;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For those serving in the Armed Forces and in humanitarian enterprises, far from home and possibly in dangerous circumstances, especially Geoffrey, Michael, James, Katie, Anthony, and David.

*For those who live in war-torn lands, who are fleeing danger, who live in refugee camps, or who are settling into a new land, a new culture.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*      *The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*      *The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.



*Ministers of the Eucharist*

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Coward

Intercessor: Dorothy Diggs

Cantor: Stephen Whiteley

Altar: Ashby Cothran

Readers: Martha Jane Rush & Stephen Whiteley

Fellowship Hour: Tred & Anne Hunt

Ushers: G. B. Thompson & Walter Coles

Counters: John Geyer & Martha Jane Rush

*Announcements*

**Birthdays Blessings** this week to Louella Morrison and Betty Camp.

The **Altar Flowers** this week and last were given to the glory of God by Beth Coles.

**Vestry** Meets today after Fellowship Hour.

**Please** double check that you have locked up and turned off the lights.

**Grief Support Group** does NOT meet this Tuesday. It will resume again on May 23th.

**Bible Study Group** meets biweekly on Thurs. at 10 AM. Our next meeting will be May 25. We are exploring the parables of Jesus.

Regina+ will be away from May 16 -18 which includes Fresh Start.

**Rogation Sunday** is May 21 with a procession and blessing of the gardens. Anyone wishing a blessing of their garden, farm, or business is encouraged to ask Regina+.

Our **ancestors in the faith** remembered this week are Junia, Adronicus, the Martyrs of the Sudan, William Hobart Hare, Thurgood Marshall, Dunstan of Canterbury, and Alcuin of Tours.

**Vestry Members**

Mary Hicks Heitzler (2017) and John Geyer (2019) Co-Wardens

Ashby Cothran (2019)

Walter Coles (2018)

Langhorne Jones (2018)

Martha Jane Rush (2017)

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