

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn – The Summons

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

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Acts 7:55-60

Sequence Hymn

The Gospel according to John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Sermon

A Song of Christ's Goodness

Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; * you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, * tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, * in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; * by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; * through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, * your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; * in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, * for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God. ***Hear us, O Christ.***

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. ***Hear us, O Christ.***

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. ***Hear us, O Christ.***

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived. ***Hear us, O Christ.***

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; ***Hear us, O Christ.***

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Closing Prayer—From the Search Committee

In support and prayer for the Holy Cross Rector's Search Team, Let us pray for guidance by saying together:

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn – Let the Praises Ring