

SERMON

"Rejected, Living Stones"

Rev. Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #282 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 14:1-4

We, as Christ's body, the church, will not let our hearts be troubled. We believe in God and in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In our Mother and Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, Jesus would not have told us that he went to prepare a place for us. Christ will come again and will take us to himself, so that where he is, we may be also. By God's Spirit, we know the way to the place where he is going. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Meditation on 'Crucifer'

Charles Callahan

DOXOLOGY PH #455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.*

O sing ye! Alleluia!

*Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN (see insert)

"Built on the Rock"

BUILT ON THE ROCK

CHARGE AND BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

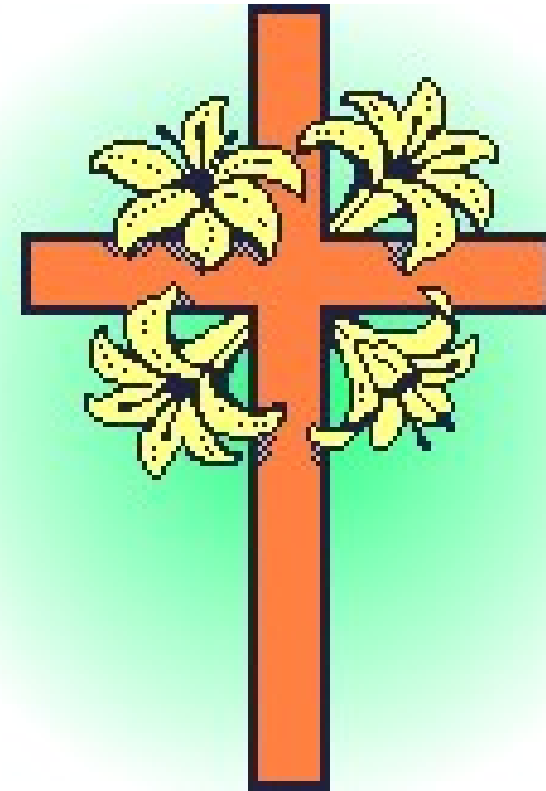
Alleluia! Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Convocation

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5th Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

GREETINGS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Acts 17:22-31

The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth,
does not live in shrines made by human hands.

For all is of God.

Nor is God served by human hands, as though the Creator needed anything,
since the Lord gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

For all is of God.

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Lord is
like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

For all is of God.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

***HYMN PH #417**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, we confess that we participate in a system which exploits the gifts of the earth. Forgive us for acting as if the universe belongs to us and not to you. Forgive our complicity when the power that you give us over the earth is abused. We hear the cries of both our fellow human beings, who are already living in the midst of extreme poverty and hunger, and the cries of all creation. We know we bear responsibility for the pain of both, and we know the impact one has on the other. The plight of all your creation is partly our fault, and for this, we beg your forgiveness and mercy.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria

Thomas Keesecker



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (OT p. 505)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NT p. 233)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Our Rock

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(*Sine nomine*)

arr. Mark Kellner

Christ is our rock, our mighty cornerstone
on which our church has prospered and has grown,
secure in faith and sure of what we've known.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Through times of trial, through war's unholy rage,
our faith has stood as hist'ry turned each page;
the Word of Christ, our shield from age to age.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Each of our lives is blest from day to day.
Christ touches us in his creative way.
Emanuel is now with us to stay.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our future days shall hold for us no fear
because our Lord is ever present here.
We'll spread his Word so all the world might hear.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

INTERLUDE