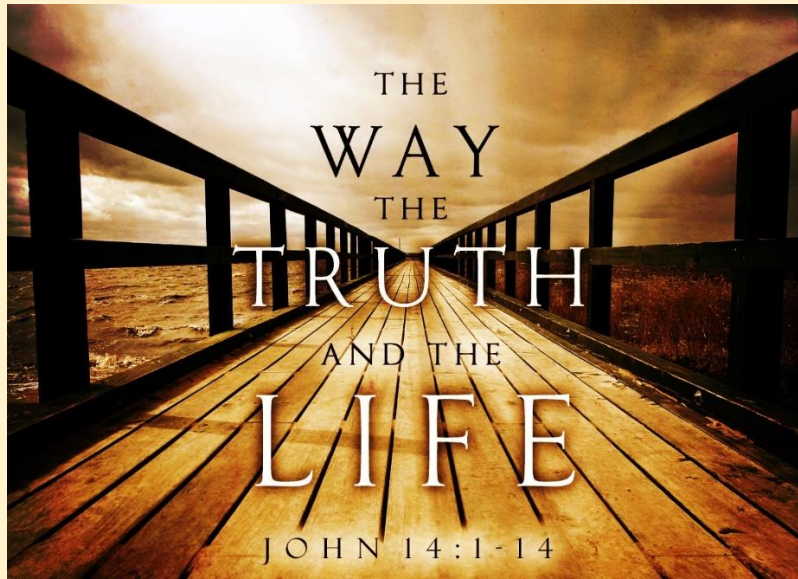


Welcome to St Francis, May 10th



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia

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Opening Music

Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Lord is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn: Bless the Lord, O my soul

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
What-ever may pass
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love
and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great
and your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

And on that day
When my strength is failing
the end draws near
and my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
For evermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
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Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name

Loving God, you welcome us into your presence. As we gather in our own homes

All: We thank you for your love.

Gracious God you delight in your people's praise

All: We thank you for your love.

Benevolent God, we come with our different lives and yet one in you,

All: To thank you for your love.

Powerful God, you challenge and transform the world, we come with many needs and concerns

All: To thank you for your love.

Confession

All: Forgive me for the things I have done and not done. Forgive me for the things I have said and not said. Forgive me for the life I have lived and not lived. That I might reflect the image of the one I profess to follow, in thought, word and deed, and in discovering my true self draw others into that light.

Absolution

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen

Affirmation

Almighty God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery

Your word the only voice we hear that still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be

Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road,

Your fellowship the warmth we crave to help us on our way.

May the truth of Easter, the joy of our risen Christ be with us this day and all days. Amen

Reading - Acts 7.55 - end

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading John 10. 1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to You O Lord

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

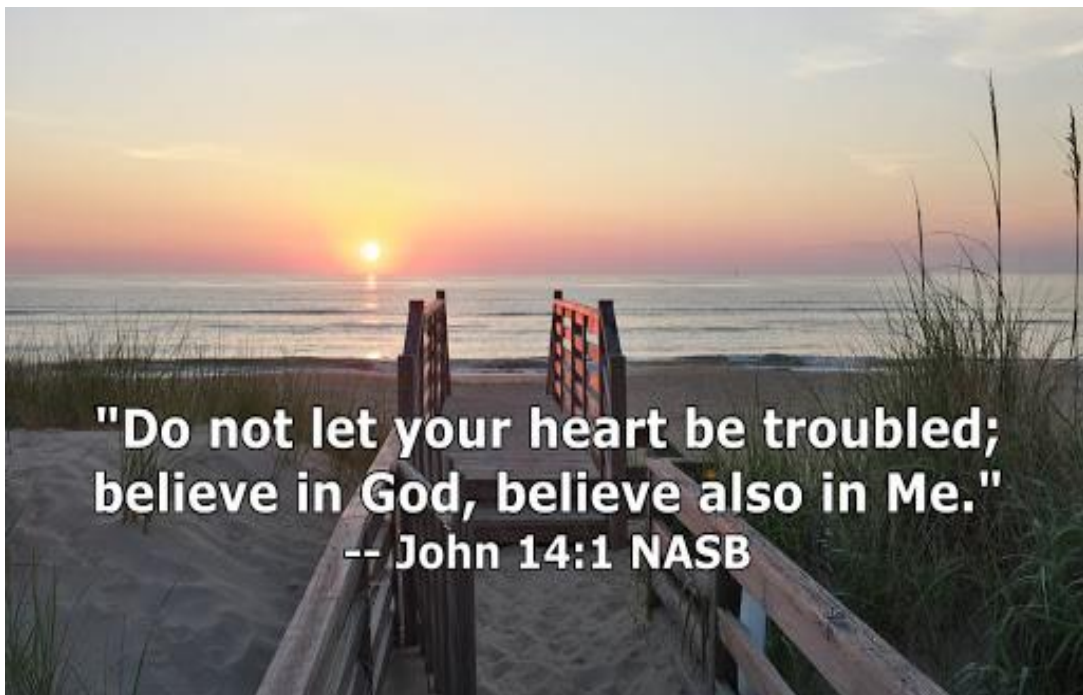
⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Sermon – Bishop Jo



Hymn: Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Refrain:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to us - long, long ago -
gave us the written word.
We read it still, needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard.

Refrain

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

Refrain

Author: Margaret Old

Prayers – led by Charlie

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

We conclude our prayers by saying together the prayer Jesus taught us (you will hear only the Leader's voice and your own)

All:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

May the father from whom every family in earth and Heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

Time for a coffee and biscuit – wherever you are...

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