

**ROGATION SUNDAY**



# **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*ST THOMAS' CATHEDRAL CNI, MAY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 8:45 am*

*ONLINE SERVICE: ZOOM*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Hymn

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### Call to Worship

God of heaven and earth, we long to be truly free.  
**In this hour of worship, help us to grasp the freedom that comes**

From seeing you more clearly, loving you more dearly,  
**and following you more nearly.**

Day by day, give us strength and courage  
**to be your people in this time, in this place.**

### 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 Amen

## Ministry of the Word

### Old Testament: Joel 2: 22-27

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. 27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

### Epistle: St James 1:22-27

<sup>22</sup> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup> For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: <sup>24</sup> for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. <sup>26</sup> If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain. <sup>27</sup> Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

### Responsive Psalm 118: 1-9

1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever.

**2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth forever.**

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth forever.

**4 Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth forever.**

5 I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

**6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?**

7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me:

**Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.**

8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

**9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.**

### Gospel: John 16: 23-33

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 27 for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. 28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. 29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. 30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone,

because the Father is with me. 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### Apostle Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Rev Avinash Rangayya: **Sermon**

### The Sharing of Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All: And also with you**

### Announcements

- Bank Details to make your online offering and payment of membership  
Name: Society of St Thomas' Cathedral  
Account no: 917010054452406  
Bank: Axis Bank Ltd  
Branch: Fort, Mumbai - 400001  
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- Rev D S Gaikwad the Presbyter of Emmanuel Church went to be with the Lord on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Kindly prayer for his wife and son who are also admitted in the hospital in Sangli
- Ajay Michiyari' s Elder sister who was in Delhi went to be with the Lord on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Kindly keep in prayer her both sons , who lost their wives, They are also are admitted in hospital
- The Most Rev Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Thirumeni went to be with the lord on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

- Birthday  
**May:** Priya David (9) Arvind Charles (9)  
 Jaisy Desai (11) Mercy Karkada (15)  
 Anniversary  
**May:** Nalina & Sathia Raj (11)  
 Kala & Dhanasekaran (15)

### Litany

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people:  
 Come among us and save us. We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful:  
 All **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid; Lord, be merciful:  
 All **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice; Lord, be merciful:  
 All **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful:  
 All **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves; Lord, be merciful:  
 All **forgive us our sin.**

We pray for those effected by the pandemic, those engaged in rescue & providing help. Lord be merciful  
 All **Lord heal our Land.**

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Hymn

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
 O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
 Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
 still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
 by his own hand he leadeth me:  
 his faithful follower I would be,  
 for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain

### **Benediction**

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Now may the Blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always **Amen**

### **Dismissal**

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord  
**All: In the Name of Christ Amen**

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