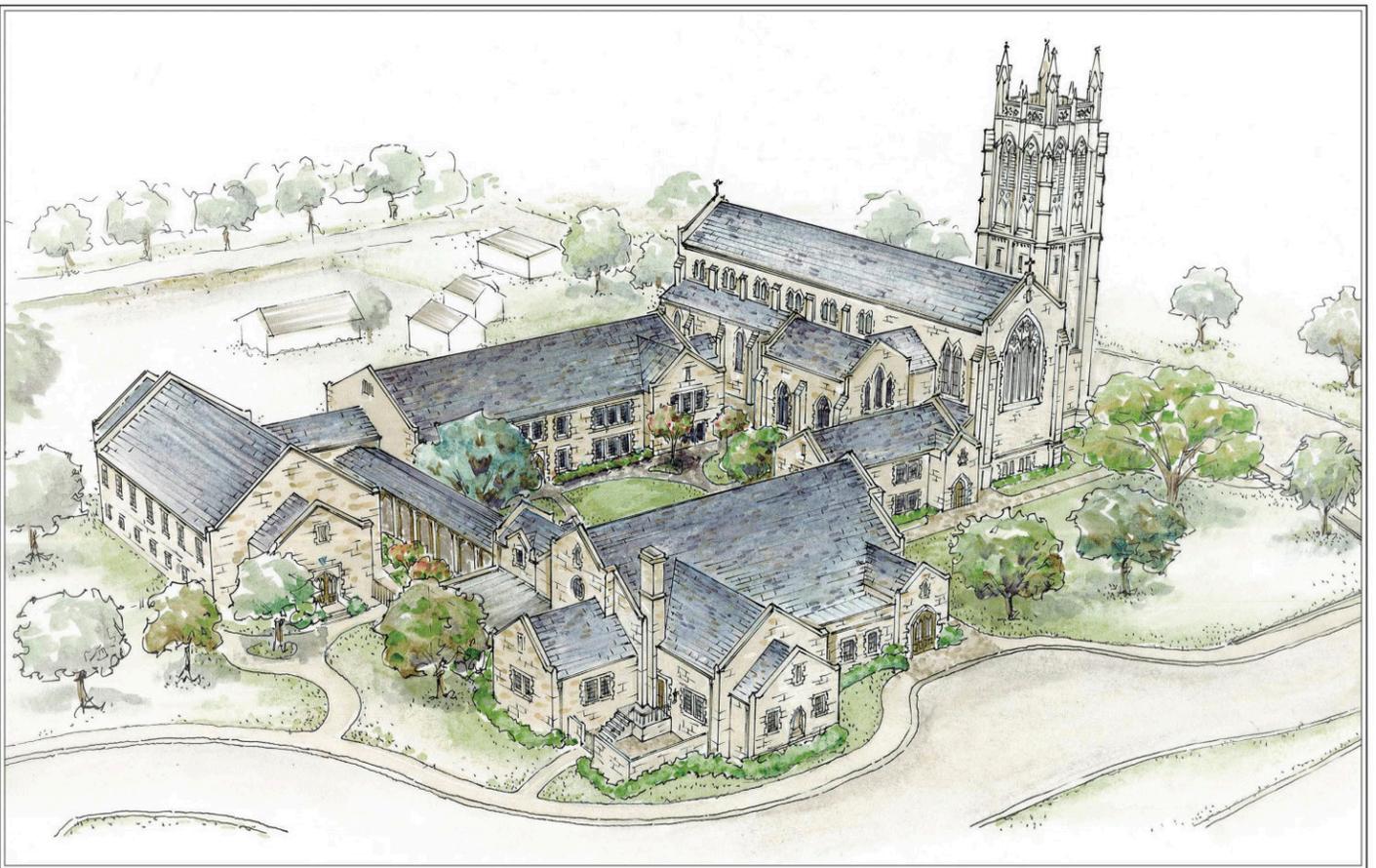


EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Jumapili ya tano ya Pasaka
Ibada kwa Kiswahili
Jumapili, Mei 15, 2022
1:00 alasiri



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Worship in Swahili
Sunday, May 15th, 2022
1:00 in the afternoon

Basi mitume na ndugu waliokuwako katika Uyahudi wakapata habari ya kwamba watu wa Mataifa nao wamelipokea neno la Mungu. Na Petro alipopanda kwenda Yerusalemu, wale walio wa tohara wakashindana naye, wakisema, Uliingia kwa watu wasiotahiriwa ukala nao. Petro akaanza kuwaeleza kwa taratibu, akasema, Nalikuwa katika mji wa Yafa, nikiomba, roho yangu ikazimia, nikaona maono; chombo kinashuka, kama nguo kubwa inatelemshwa kutoka mbinguni kwa pembe zake nne, kikanifikilia. Nikakitazama sana, nikifikiri, nikaona wanyama wa nchi wenye miguu minne, na wanyama wa mwituni, nao watambaa, na ndege wa angani. Nikasikia na sauti ikiniambia, Ondoka, Petro, ukachinje ule. Nikasema, Hasha, Bwana, kwa maana kitu kilicho kichafu au kilicho najisi hakijaingia kabisa kinywani mwangu. Sauti ikanijibu mara ya pili kutoka mbinguni, Alivyovitakasa Mungu, usivinene wewe najisi. Jambo hili likatendeka mara tatu, kisha vitu vyote vikavutwa tena juu mbinguni. Na tazama, mara hiyo watu watatu wakasimama mbele ya nyumba tuliyokuwamo, waliotumwa kwangu kutoka Kaisaria. Roho akaniambia nifuatane nao, nisione tashwishi. Ndugu hawa sita nao wakaenda pamoja nami, tukaingia katika nyumba ya mtu yule; akatueleza jinsi alivyomwona malaika aliyesimama nyumbani mwake na kumwambia, Tuma watu kwenda Yafa ukamwite Simoni aitwaye Petro, atakayekuambia maneno ambayo yatakuochoa, wewe na nyumba yako yote. Ikawa nilipoanza kunena, Roho Mtakatifu akawashukia kama alivyotushukia sisi mwanzo. Nikalikumbuka neno lile la Bwana, jinsi alivyosema, Yohana alibatiza kwa maji kweli, bali ninyi mtabatizwa kwa Roho Mtakatifu. Basi ikiwa Mwenyezi Mungu amewapa wao karama ile ile aliyotupa sisi tuliomwamini Bwana Yesu Kristo, mimi ni nani niweze kumpinga Mungu? Waliposikia maneno haya wakanyamaza, wakamtukuza Mungu, wakisema, Basi, Mungu amewajalia hata mataifa nao toba liletalo uzima.

Hilo ndilo Neno la Bwana.

Asante kwa Bwana.

AGANO JIPYA

Ufunuo wa Yohana 2I:1-6

Kisha nikaona mbingu mpya na nchi mpya; kwa maana mbingu za kwanza na nchi ya kwanza zimekwisha kupita, wala hapana bahari tena. Nami nikauona mji ule mtakatifu, Yerusalemu mpya, ukishuka kutoka mbinguni kwa Mungu, umewekwa tayari, kama bibi-arusi aliyekwisha kupambwa kwa mumewe. Nikasikia sauti kubwa kutoka katika kile kiti cha enzi ikisema, Tazama, maskani ya Mungu ni pamoja na wanadamu, naye atafanya maskani yake pamoja nao, nao watakuwa watu wake. Naye Mungu mwenyewe atakuwa pamoja nao. Naye atafuta kila chozi katika macho yao, wala mauti haitakuwapo tena; wala maombolezo, wala kilio, wala maumivu hayatakuwapo tena; kwa kuwa mambo ya kwanza yamekwisha kupita. Na yeye aketiye juu ya kile kiti cha enzi akasema, Tazama, nayafanya yote kuwa mapya. Akaniambia, Andika ya kwamba maneno hayo ni amini na kweli. Akaniambia, Imekwisha kuwa. Mimi ni Alfa na Omega, Mwanzo na Mwisho. Mimi nitampa yeye mwenye kiu, ya chemchemi ya maji ya uzima, bure.

Hilo ndilo Neno la Bwana.

Asante kwa Bwana.

HABARI NJEMA

Yohana 13:31-35

Sikieni Neno la Bwana kama lilivyoandikwa Yohana.

Utukufu uwe nawe, Ee Bwana wetu.

Basi huyo alipokwisha kutoka, Yesu alisema, Sasa ametukuzwa Mwana wa Adamu, naye Mungu ametukuzwa ndani yake. Mungu naye atamtukuza ndani ya nafsi yake; naye atamtukuza mara. Enyi watoto wadogo, bado kitambo kidogo nipo pamoja nanyi; mtanitifuta; na kama vile nilivyowaambia Wayahudi ya kwamba, Mimi niendako ninyi hamwezi kuja; kadhalika sasa nawaambia ninyi. Amri mpya nawapa, Mpendane. Kama vile nilivyowapenda ninyi, nanyi mpendane vivyo hivyo. Hivyo watu wote watatambua ya kuwa ninyi mmekuwa wanafunzi wangu, mkiwa na upendo ninyi kwa ninyi.

Hii ndiyo Habari Njema ya Kristo.

Tunakusifu sana, Ee Kristo, Kwa Habari Njema takaifu.

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



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