



*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

## THE FEAST OF JUSTIN (Martyr, c. 167)

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**Justin Martyr** (**Greek**: Ἰουστῖνος ὁ μάρτυρ, **romanized**: *Ioustinos ho martys*; c. AD 100 – c. AD 165) was an early **Christian apologist** and philosopher.

Most of his works are lost, but two apologies and a dialogue did survive. The ***First Apology***, his most well-known text, passionately defends the morality of the Christian life, and provides various ethical and **philosophical** arguments to convince the Roman emperor, **Antoninus**, to abandon the persecution of the Church. Further, he also indicates, as **St. Augustine** would later, regarding the "true religion" that predated Christianity,<sup>[4]</sup> that the "seeds of Christianity" (manifestations of the **Logos** acting in history) actually predated Christ's **incarnation**. This notion allows him to claim many historical Greek philosophers (including **Socrates** and **Plato**), in whose works he was well studied, as **unknowing Christians**.

Justin was **martyred**, along with some of his students, and is ven-

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# **The Word of God**

## **The Greeting**

**Presider** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Gloria in Excelsis** S278 Hymnal 1982 # S278

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day:**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray

**All: O God, who has given your church wisdom and revealed to it deep and secret things: Grant that we, like your servant Justin and in union with his prayers, may find your Word an abiding refuge all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Word of God**     *(Please be seated)*

### **The First Lesson: A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1-9**  
*Caeli enarrant*

*(Read aloud in unison)*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.**
- 9 I believed, even when I said,  
"I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."**

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John 12:44-50**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **Homily**

**Nicene Creed:** *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in**

**accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations of the world  
Jesus, Lord of life,

*People:* **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you and who have passed from this life into the life eternal. May we also enter your gates of glory at our appointed time.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
Amen.**

**Exchange of the Peace**

Presider *May the peace of Christ be always with you*

All **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People exchange socially distant signs of peace (peace sign, namaste, virtual hug)*

**Offertory**

Presider: *But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

# Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Rite II Prayer A

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

*But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.*

*Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S129*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

*Then the Presider continues*

*Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.*



*On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.*

*Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.*

*Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.*

*All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.*

*Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Fraction Anthem S155

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**  
**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,**  
**Therefore let us keep the feast,**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church.)*

**Recognition of a Birthday, Anniversary, Healing, Gratitude**  
**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider: *Let us pray:*

*Presider and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Benediction:**

Presider: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

erated as a [saint](#) by the [Catholic Church](#),<sup>[5]</sup> the [Eastern Orthodox Church](#),<sup>[6]</sup> the [Oriental Orthodox Churches](#) and in [Anglicanism](#).<sup>[7]</sup>

## **Life**

Justin Martyr was born around AD 100<sup>[8]</sup> at Flavia Neapolis (today [Nablus](#)) in Samaria. He was [Greek](#) but self-identified as [Samaritan](#).<sup>[9]</sup> His family may have been pagan, since he was uncircumcised, and defined himself as a [Gentile](#).<sup>[10]</sup> His grandfather, Bacchius, had a Greek name, while his father, Priscus, bore a Latin name,<sup>[11]</sup> which has led to speculations that his ancestors may have settled in Neapolis soon after its establishment or that they were descended from a Roman "diplomatic" community that had been sent there.<sup>[12]</sup>

In the opening of the *Dialogue*,<sup>[13]</sup> Justin describes his early education, stating that his initial studies left him unsatisfied due to their failure to provide a belief system that would afford theological and metaphysical inspiration to their young pupil. He says he tried first the school of a [Stoic](#) philosopher, who was unable to explain God's being to him. He then attended a [Peripatetic](#) philosopher but was put off because the philosopher was too eager for his fee. Then he went to hear a [Pythagorean](#) philosopher who demanded that he first learn music, astronomy, and geometry, which he did not wish to do. Subsequently, he adopted [Platonism](#) after encountering a Platonist thinker who had recently settled in his city.

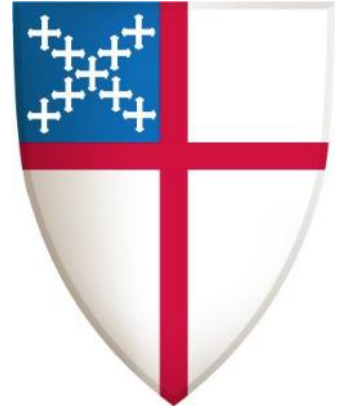
And the perception of immaterial things quite overpowered me, and the contemplation of ideas furnished my mind with wings, so that in a little while I supposed that I had become wise; and such was my stupidity, I expected forthwith to look upon God, for this is the end of Plato's philosophy.<sup>[13]</sup>

Some time afterwards, he chanced upon an old man, possibly a Syrian Christian,<sup>[14]</sup> in the vicinity of the seashore, who engaged him in a dialogue about God and spoke of the testimony of the prophets as being more reliable than the reasoning of philosophers.

There existed, long before this time, certain men more ancient than all those who are esteemed philosophers, both righteous and beloved by God, who spoke by the Divine Spirit, and foretold events which would take place, and which are now taking place. They are called prophets. These alone both saw and announced the truth to men, neither reverencing nor fearing any man, not influenced by a desire for glory, but speaking those things alone which they saw and which they heard, being filled with the Holy Spirit. Their writings are still extant, and he who has read them is very much helped in his knowledge of the beginning and end of things, and of those matters which the philosopher ought to know, provided he has believed them. For they did not use demonstration in their treatises, seeing that they were witnesses to the truth above all demonstration, and worthy of belief; and those events which have happened, and those which are happening, compel you to assent to the utterances made by them, although, indeed, they were entitled to credit on account of the miracles which they performed, since they both glorified the Creator, the God and Father of all

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