

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, 2021



*...we believe that we will be saved through the grace  
of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.*



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*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male  
and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." ~Galatians 3:28*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Postlude on Llanfair*  
Robert J. Powell

Miriam Haddon

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We do a land acknowledgment as a step toward healing for promises broken over the years.*

P: Here on the shores of the Salish Sea, on the traditional lands of the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people, God gathers us in the name of the ✠ Triune God who forgives all our sin.

C: Amen

### OPENING HYMN

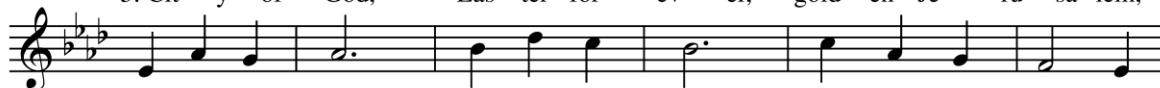
*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

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*Herbert F. Brokering/David N. Johnson*



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in  
2. Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the sto - ry to  
3. Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the Spir - it the  
4. Weeping, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a - sun - der, and  
5. Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem,



glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise. Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. *(Refrain)*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

3. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

*GOD SPEAKS TO US*

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -

le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. *(Repeat alleluia)*

## BIBLE READING

Acts 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. <sup>3</sup>So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; <sup>9</sup>and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” <sup>12</sup>The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup>After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup>This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, <sup>16</sup>‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, <sup>17</sup>so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things <sup>18</sup>known from long ago.’

*[Related Reading: Luke 2:29-32]*

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

Paul Davis

## SERMON

Pastor Paul Stumme-Diers

## PRAYERS

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P: God of compassion, **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: In Jesus’ name. **C: Amen**

## OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: "And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us." God's generosity knows no limit of race or creed. God showers love abundantly – even on those we'd rather not include! To participate in the abundant generosity of God in the world through your giving through the church, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Horatio Spafford, Philip Bliss

Kevin & Lauren Eyer

## *GOD HEALS THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEAL*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 forever and ever. Amen**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

*When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send your word of life to dispel fear and despair, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen**

## GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

P: God, the Root of hope,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth ✠ bless you, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

### *By Grace We Have Been Saved*

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Jonathan Rundman/Nathan Houge



By grace we have been saved-- saved by grace through faith, not be-cause of



what we do; it is the gift of God.



1. On the days when you are weak, on the  
2. Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
3. You don't need to be a - fraid. You will



days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
still - ness you will find, you're a love - ly,  
nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,



young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
there is hope, and love will take you home.

## SENDING

P: Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

**C: Okay, we will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## PFLC VISION STATEMENT

*People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.*

## PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

## PFLC CORE VALUES

*Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service*

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## YOUR SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

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Pastor Kent Shane, Poulsbo First Lutheran  
**Children's Sermon:** Paul Davis, Director of Faith Formation, Poulsbo First Lutheran  
**Accompanist:** Miriam Haddon, Poulsbo First Lutheran  
**Soloist:** Kevin & Lauren Eyer, Poulsbo First Lutheran  
**Producer:** Jonathan McClung, Perceptico

**Readings for next week:** Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21; Luke 18:9-14