

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands



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"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ~John 3:17

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

CENTERING MUSIC

O World, I now Must Leave Thee
Johannes Brahms, arr. E. Power Biggs

Miriam Haddon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In respect and repentance toward indigenous peoples, we confess promises broken over the years.

L: As worship unites us today, many of us by water and on land stewarded since time immemorial by the Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, and other peoples of the Salish Sea, let us center ourselves for worship.

SILENCE FOR CENTERING

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. O God of the crashing waters of creation, we praise you for our salvation through water, for the water in the font, and for all water everywhere, especially the waters of the Salish Sea, the waters in snow-storage in the mountains, and the waters of Dogfish Creek and others carrying life-giving salmon to the region. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and fill us with your life-giving spirit. Thanks be to Jesus Christ, our living water, now and forever.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Latin hymn, tr. John Mason Neale/European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2. O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3. O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4. All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

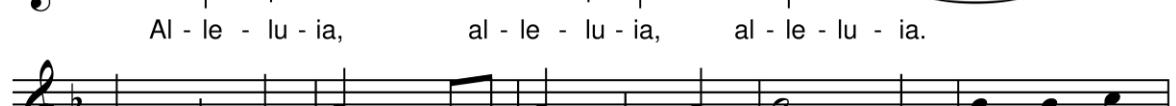
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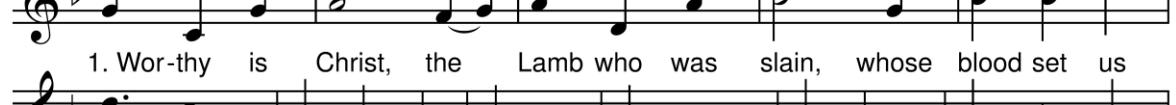
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



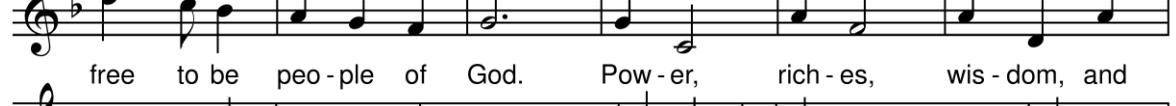
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



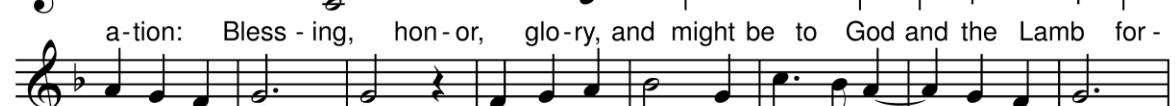
2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre -



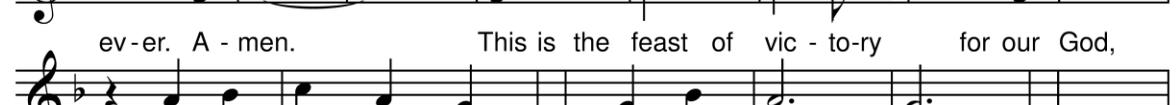
a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for -



ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

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 alleluias.

BIBLE READING

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

[Related Reading: John 1:16-18; Reading for next week: Philippians 1:1-18a, Luke 9:46-48]

L: Word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PrJG Tina Bigelow

SERMON

Pastor Alison Shane

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

This time of silence is an opportunity to meditate on the Word of God as spoken in Scripture and sermon.

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

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

The prayers conclude:

L: ... Through Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

L: "The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things." God calls us to give generously, not because God needs our money, but because God knows we need to give. Giving helps us break our trust in wealth, helps us learn to be generous in all things, and helps us learn to put our neighbor's needs before our own. To answer God's call to give generously, you can give electronically [at pflc.org](http://at.pflc.org), accessed at that address or by the QR code in the bulletin, or you can write a check to be mailed, dropped off, or placed in the offering basket before you leave worship. Also, please take this time to fill out the Keeping in Touch form by using the QR code on the back page of the bulletin or the link below the video viewer on the PFLC website, or by filling out a paper copy and leaving it in the designated basket after worship.



OFFERING MUSIC

All Heaven Declares (with Alleluias)

Tom Fettke

Cathedral Choir

Debbie Collier, Director

GOD NOURISHES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Alleluia! God is with you!

C: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to our God.

C: We give God thanks and praise.

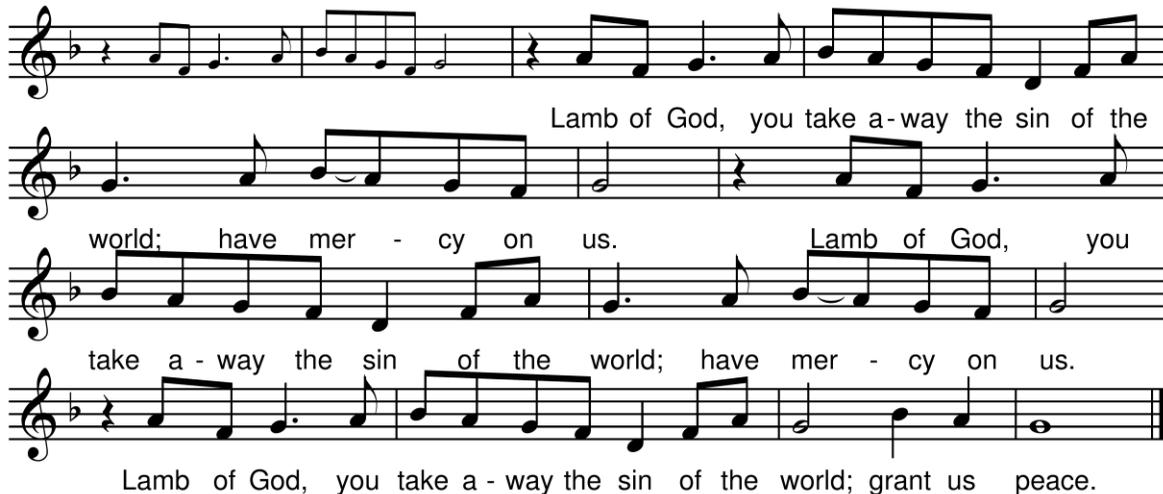
L: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup 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 all united as the Body of Christ in Holy Communion today. After we sing the "Lamb of God" together, online worshipers will commune together. Please gather your communion elements now.



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.

THE ONLINE ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

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

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

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we feast again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **C: Amen**

GOD SENDS

BENEDICTION

L: God, the Root of hope,

God, the Word of life,

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

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby/Phoebe P. Knapp

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it,
 sight; an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy,
 blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness,

washed in his blood.
 whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day
 lost in his love.

long: this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

SENDING

L: 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: We will, because we are people gathered and sent in the love of Christ!

SENDING MUSIC

The Rejoicing from Firework Music

G. F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

YOUR SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

Worship Leader:

PastorJG Tina Bigelow

Preacher:

Pastor Alison Shane

Children's Sermon:

PastorJG Tina Bigelow

Accompanist:

Miriam Haddon

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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