

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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walking and leaping and praising God



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A Reconciling in Christ congregation

*Ruth said [to Naomi], "...Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge."
~Ruth 1:16b*

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

Today God's Only-Gotten Son
J. S. Bach

Miriam Haddon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

L: God unites us in worship 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. We recognize that God calls all to be in right relationship with their neighbors, that the tribes are sovereign nations, that there is a history of broken treaties and broken trust, and that there is much reconciling work to be done. As Christians, we also recognize that in Christ there is new life, forgiveness, and hope for mending what is broken. We pray the Holy Spirit will lead us in this work.

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L: Please take this time of silence to empty yourself and lay before God the cares of your own life, so that God might use this worship time to fill you with Word and grace and open you to your kin-dom work in the world. As you breathe into this silence, close your eyes, take a deep breath in through your nose, out through your mouth, and repeat.

GATHERING SILENCE

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

William Dix/Rpward Prichard

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph,
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us;
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y,
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph,

his the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of
 faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from
 flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor,
 earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the
 his the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of

peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood:
 sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
 friend of sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea
 veil you en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
 peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood:

"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 here on earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

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

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the
 God of life and love and free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev - er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and u -
 nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
 glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of God;
 to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

... In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 2. From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 Truth and jus - tice you have taught us: thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, Re - mem - b'ring your
 cov-e-nant of life with us. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly:
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

BIBLE READING

Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lisa Hutcheson

SERMON

Pastor Kent Shane

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

L: God of new life, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

L: ... through Jesus Christ, our savior. **C: Amen**

INVITATION TO FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

[Online giving portal](#) →

L: "Peter looked intently at him, as did John." When we look – really look – at the need around us, we cannot help but serve in any way we can. Your generous giving addresses so many needs around us. During this music offering, please:



- Prayerfully consider how thankfully generous you can be in your online or onsite giving to the ministries of PFLC that meet those needs
- Give thought toward an additional donation designated for Lutheran Community Services
- Consider doing something intentional to steward God's creation during this Earth Month
- Fill out the Keeping in Touch form (QR code on the back of the bulletin or paper copy to add to your offering).

MUSIC OFFERING(9:00)*All Heaven Declares*

Cathedral Choir

N. Richards, T. Richards, T. Fetke Cynthia Gilman, Director

MUSIC OFFERING(10:30)*How Great Thou Art*

Miriam Haddon

Stuart K. Hine, arr. Marilynn Ham

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY**

Refrain Marty Haugen

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in-to one to be-
 come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
 gath-ered in - to one in you. *3rd time Fine* 1. As this cup of bless - ing is
 2. Let this be a fore - taste of
 shared with-in our midst, may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all that is to come when all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*GOD NOURISHES***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: Alleluia! God the risen Christ 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 "Lamb of God" together, the online community will commune together. Please gather your communion elements now.

The onsite community will process forward during the communion hymn and receive communion by intinction.



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love;



- have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.



5. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



- grant us peace, grant us peace, 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*)

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread

Refrain

Taizé Community/Jacques Berthier

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Refrain

1. Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Fa-ther.

2. Our an - ces - tors ate man - na in the des - ert,

Refrain

but this is the bread come down from heav - en.

Refrain

3. Eat his flesh and drink his blood, and Christ will raise you up on the last day.

Refrain

4. An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Refrain

5. If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

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

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

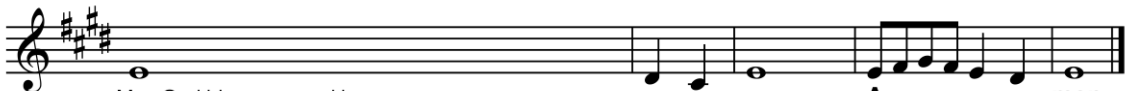
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God of all life, in the water of baptism and the bread of this meal, you continue to give resurrection life to the world. Send us forth as witnesses to the life you give, and give us grace to pour out our lives in service to others as Christ poured out himself for us.

C: Amen

GOD SENDS

BENEDICTION



May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May God look on you with favor and give you peace.

A - - - men

SENDING HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Marty Haugen



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing.
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a - sing - ing,
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the world is de - spair - ing,
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though dark the win - ter and cheer - less,



Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
his hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
as morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
the ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er,
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness,
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der,
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry;



he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
the thun - der of his an - thems roll to shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.



SENDING

L: Equipped by the promises God made to you in baptism and strengthened in you at this table, 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

Thoughts on God:

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

Worship Leader (9:00):	Melinda Madamba (she/her)
Worship Leader (10:30):	Laurie Musick
Preacher:	Pastor Kent Shane (he/him)
Children's Sermon:	Lisa Hutcheson (she/her)
Accompanist:	Miriam Haddon (she/her)
Music Director:	Debbie Collier (she/her)
Streaming Technicians:	Jeff Hora (he/him) Asjah Jett (she/her)
Usher (9:00):	
Usher (10:30):	Eric Kerttula
Acolyte (9:00):	Marti Williamson (she/her)
Acolyte (10:30):	Hannah Ronning (they/them)

VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

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