

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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**     *Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal*     Miriam Haddon  
J. S. Bach

### 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

*Arise Your Light Has Come*

Ruth Duck/William H. Walter

1. A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2. A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3. A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4. A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## 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 18:1-4

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, [siblings], by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my [siblings]. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and

Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For 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.

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

*[Related Reading: Mark 9:34-35; Psalm 27:4-14; Reading for next week: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13]*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Paul Davis

## **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.*

## **BAPTISM (9:00)**

Ashton Laurie Eyer

L: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Ashton Laurie Eyer for baptism.

L: Lauren and Kevin, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ashton baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring Ashton to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live together among God's faithful people,  
hear together the word of God and eat the holy supper,  
learn together the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
read together the holy scriptures,  
and be nurtured together in faith and prayer,  
so that Ashton may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

L: Do you promise to help Ashton grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

L: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ashton in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to live together in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

L: People of God, do you promise to support Ashton and pray for this new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

L: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **Baptism**

Ashton Laurie Eyer, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Ashton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C: Amen**

**Welcome** *The assembly may offer gifts for the newly baptized.*

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



## CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED (10:30)

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 resurrection, **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

## INVITATION TO FAITHFUL GENEROSITY [Online giving portal](#) →

L: Paul has reminded us again *whose* we are. We give generously because we do not belong to our wealth, nor does our wealth truly belong to us. All we have and are is God’s. The world sees *whose* we are by our service to others and our generosity of wealth, self, and time. 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 serve our neighbor
- 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)

*Sing Out Your Song*  
Nancy Price, Don Besig

Cathedral Choir  
Debbie Collier, Director

## MUSIC OFFERING(10:30)

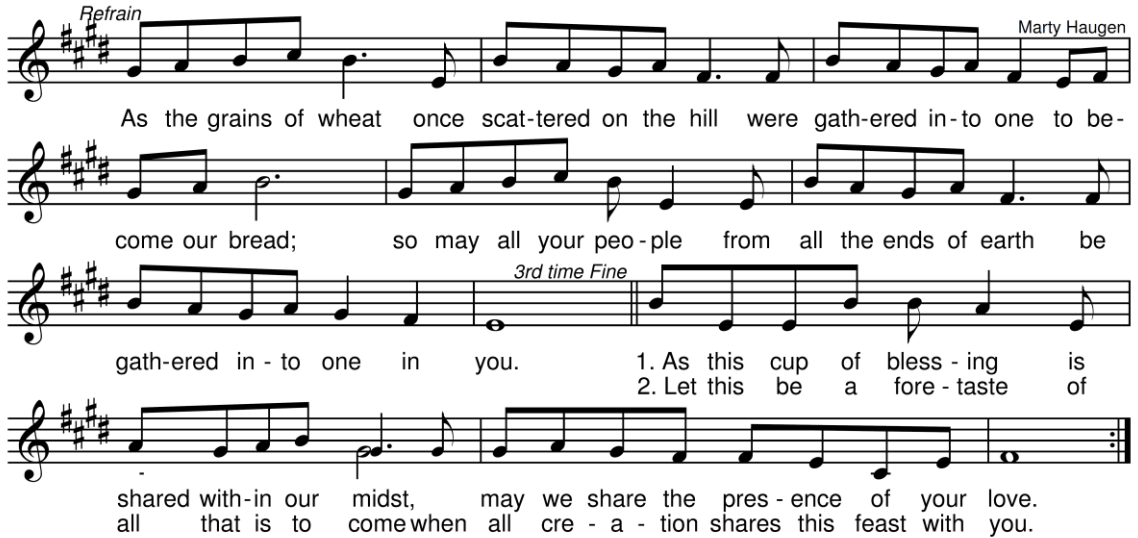
*Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
William B. Bradbury, arr. Howard Helvey

Miriam Haddon

## 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 comewhen 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.

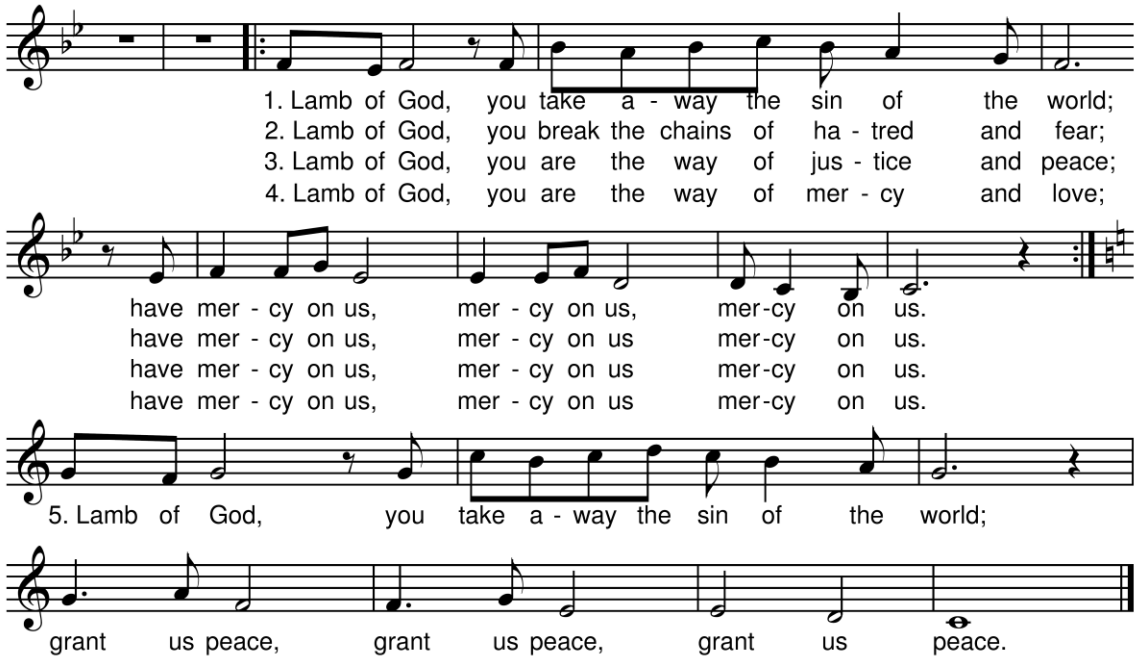
### LORD'S PRAYER

**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

## We Come to the Hungry Feast

Ray Makeever

1. We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2. We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3. We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

*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

## *O God, My Faithful God*

Johann Heermann/Catherine Winkworth/Ahasuerus Fritsch

1. O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2. Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
 3. Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing  
 4. When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing--  
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 do it when I ought, with all my might-- and bless  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

### 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, arr. E. Power Biggs

**Thoughts on God:**



## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

<b>Worship Leader (9:00):</b>	Elizabeth Vander Esch (she/her)
<b>Worship Leader (10:30):</b>	Scarlett Madamba (she/her)
<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Kent Shane (he/him)
<b>Children's Sermon:</b>	Paul Davis (he/him), Director of Faith Formation
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Miriam Haddon (she/her)
<b>Music Director:</b>	Debbie Collier (she/her)
<b>Streaming Technician:</b>	Amy Kvaalen (she/her)
<b>Usher (9:00):</b>	Rick Gunderson
<b>Usher (10:30):</b>	Dan & Diane Lambert
<b>Acolyte (9:00):</b>	Sharon Brown
<b>Acolyte (10:30):</b>	Eric Kerttula (he/him)

### 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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