

Service of Word & Song
Second Sunday of Easter / April 11, 2021
Northwest Washington Synod / ELCA



✝ GATHERING ✝

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee

William P. Rowlands; arr. Larry Sue

Bell Choir: Marcie R., Lanell P., Bev C., Becky C., Jen C. (Holy Spirit/Kirkland & Faith/Redmond)

WELCOME

Synod Staff

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Thine is the Glory - ELW #376

Budry/Hoyle/Handel

Mary Munson, Piano & Vocals; Gretchen Pigott, Flute (Camano Lutheran Church)

GREETING

The grace of our risen savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Wonders

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Lauren Giles-Ode, vocals; August Giles-Ode, guitar (Christ Lutheran Church, Ferndale)

✠ WORD ✠

READING

Acts 4:32-35

Zoe Blum (Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, Seattle)

The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, "That's mine; you can't have it." They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them. And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each person's need.

HYMN

Day of Arising - ELW #374

Susan Palo Cherwien/Carl F. Schalk

Rev. Paul Hoffman, piano & vocal (Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Seattle)

READING

Psalms 133

Friends at Josephine Caring Community, Stanwood

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

ANTHEM

Jesus Never Fails

Gary Driskell; arr. Bradley Knight

Choir members from around the synod

Sungjoon Lee, conductor & producer, Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Sammamish

READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

Cristy, Ceana, Corban, Samalie & Pastor Sam Sseba (Prince of Peace Lutheran, Seatac)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Risen Christ

Nigel Weaver/Karl Olsen

Ron Rossel, bass; Karl Olsen, piano, vocals & production (Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland)

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

Pastor Andy Yee, Assistant to the Bishop

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

How Deep How Wide

Jason Bendickson

Jason Bendickson, guitar, piano, vocals (Salt House/Kirkland)

SERMON

Pastor Andy Yee, Assistant to the Bishop

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - ELW #587

Frederick Faber/Calvin Hampton

Joel Bevington, organ, vocals, and bell tree (First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seven of our Mission Developers

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. Let us pray. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (El Camino de Emaús and all the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Nick, Lydia, Matthew and Charlie Van Kley and Sunny the Dog (Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church/Seattle)

OFFERING

El Cielo Canta Alegría (Heaven is Singing for Joy) ELW #664

Pablo Sosa

Rev. Josh Stromberg-Wojcik & Rev. Esaú Cuevas (El Camino de Emaús/Burlington)

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✝ SENDING ✝

BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace;
have good courage;
hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Alleluia. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – ELW 373

Wesley/de Corbeil/Bonam

John S., piano and Lisa H., flute (Holy Spirit Lutheran Church/Kirkland)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hail, Thee, Festival Day

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lucy Kay Osborne, organ (First Lutheran Church/Bothell)



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