

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ROGATION SUNDAY  
MAY 5, 2024



Little Walluski River, Clatsop County

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ASTORIA, OREGON

OPENING HYMN *All stand* words: Crum, music: trad., harm: Dupré, adapt Kehl; 204 *Hymnal 1982*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Remain standing*

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 50*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE

words & music: O'Carroll & Walker; 20 MHSO



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! —

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*The people sit*

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98, *Cantate Domino**Remain seated**Psalter for the Christian People*

*Lector* <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for the LORD has done marvelous things.

*People* <sup>2</sup> **The right hand and the holy arm of the LORD \*  
have secured the victory.**

*Lector* <sup>3</sup> The LORD has made known this victory; \*  
and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.

*People* <sup>4</sup> **The LORD remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

*Lector* <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

*People* <sup>6</sup> **Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

Lector <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the LORD.

People <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Lector <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD  
who is coming to judge the earth.

People <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall the LORD judge the world; \*  
and the peoples with equity.

All Glory be to God, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *All stand*

words & music: Sleeth; 83 MHSO



1 If you love me, tru - ly love me, keep my com - mand - ments  
2 If you love me, tru - ly love me, come now and my dis -  
4 If you love me, tru - ly love me, in - to the world a -



day by day. If you love me, tru - ly love me,  
ci - ple be. If you love me, tru - ly love me,  
rise and go. If you love me, tru - ly love me,



*Fine*

fol - low for - ev - er in my way.  
 fol - low and so re - mem - ber me. *to verse three*  
 there ev - 'ry - where my wit - ness show.

3 Through the land my peo - ple feed, al - le - lu - ia,

*D.C.*

in their sor - row, in their need, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

*Remain standing.*

John 15:9-17

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*The people sit*

The Rev. Dr. Randal Gardner

*All* We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *All stand*

*Intercessions for the Christian People*

*Presider* God gives what is good. Let us pray that this goodness of God will flow through us into all the world, saying: O God, giver of love, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* O God, your love is in motion. We praise the strength of your love. Where there is hunger, raise up your love. Where there is hurt and persecution, empower your love.

Where there are false prophets, proclaim your love. Where there are lies, speak your love. O God, giver of love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Where nations are angry and plot harm against one another, bring your love. Where governments lie and deceive, bring your love. Where powers cripple and destroy what you have made, bring your love. O God, giver of love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Where the churches alienate one another, bring your love. Where our fears keep us from offering Christ to all the needy peoples, bring your love. When this assembly is marked by division and jealousy, bring your love. O God, giver of love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* O Lord, increase our affection. Increase our compassion. Increase our joy. Show us those we do not see. Especially we pray for [*all say aloud the names on our parish prayer list.*] Magnify our love. O God, giver of love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*EOW*, p. 56

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All who are drawn to the Lord's Table are welcome.*

*To receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, cross your arms in front of your chest.*

*Gluten-free bread and de-alcoholized wine are available; please ask.*

*We do not practice intinction (dipping bread into the wine). To abstain from the common cup, cross your arms in front of your chest, consecrated wine will be presented, but not served to you.*

*If you have never been baptized, let's talk about that.*

OFFERTORY HYMN      *All stand*      words: Wordsworth; music: Sullivan; 191 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

*All sing*

Proulx, S 125 Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN.**



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* 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.

## AT THE FRACTION

words & music: O'Carroll & Walker; 20 MHSO

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

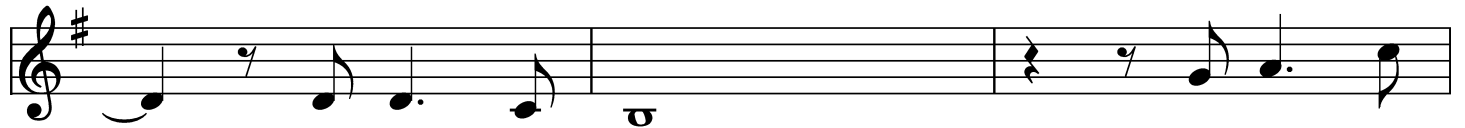
*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *seated or kneeling*

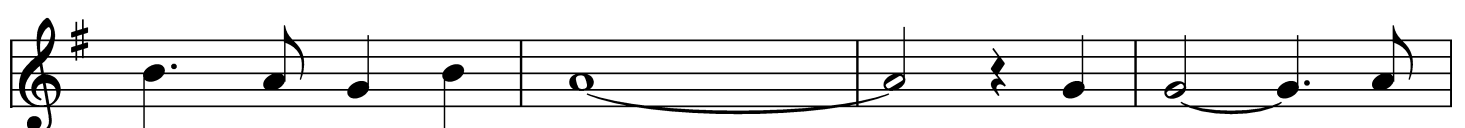
words: trad., music: Foley, SJ; 151 LEVAS



One bread, — one bod - y, —



— one Lord of all, — one cup of

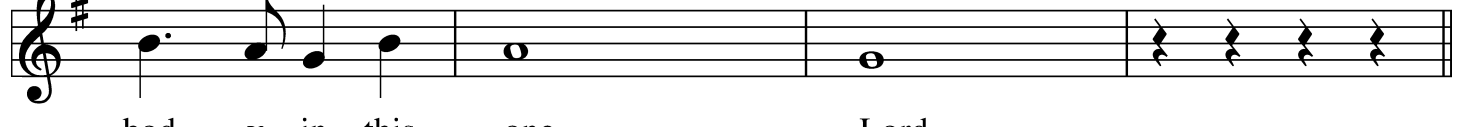


bles - ing which we bless. — And we, — though



man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one

*Last time* ⊕



bod - y in this one — Lord. —



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|---------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----|
| 1. Gen - tile | or  | Jew,    | ser - vant   | or  |
| 2. Man - y    | the | gifts,  | man - y      | the |
| 3. Grain for  | the | fields, | scat - tered | and |



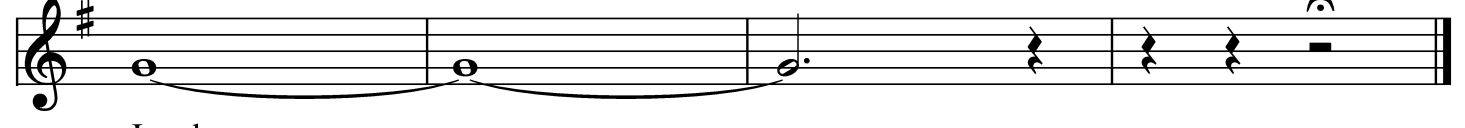
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| 1. free,  | wom - an    | or | man, | —    |
| 2. works, | one         | in | the  | Lord |
| 3. grown, | gath - ered | to | one  | —    |

*D.S.*



|      |     |       |   |     |
|------|-----|-------|---|-----|
| 1. — | no  | more. | — | One |
| 2. — | of  | all.  | — | One |
| 3. — | for | all.  | — | One |

⊕ CODA



Lord. —

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God,  
 we give you thanks  
 for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
 Now send us forth  
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

EASTER BLESSING

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Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

RETIRING PROCESSION words: vonChristiensen, music: trad., adapt: Vaughn Williams; 705 Hymnal 1982  
*Unison or harmony*

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and  
 \*2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and  
 3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv-er of all good, the  
 give; to make our life an of-fer-ing to  
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our  
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

DISMISSAL

*Presider* Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER, 8AM, SANCTUARY

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM, SANCTUARY  
with piano meditations by Jennifer Goodenberger

CAPPELLA ROMANA A UKRAINIAN WEDDING CONCERT, FRIDAY, 5/17, 7PM  
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