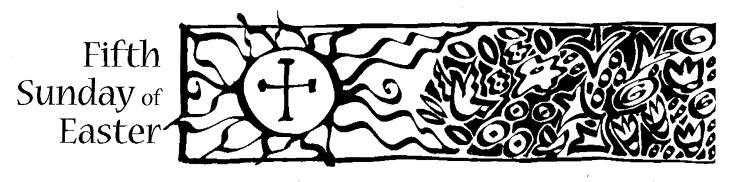


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 15, 2022 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Three Settings on "This Joyful Eastertide"

K. Kolander

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Many and Great

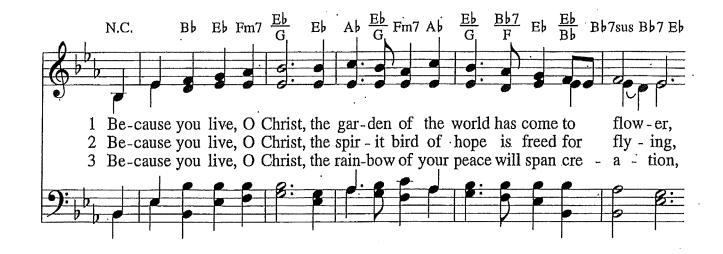
Native American Melody; LACQUIPARLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#292 Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN





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*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God,
We come again with our burdens,
bundles and words of confession.
We look at our world of affluence, desire,
prestige - - filled with an array of idols.
We are tempted by their shimmering
and our reliance on them to make us
look good and feel good.
Your world is full of so many gifts
yet we attach ourselves to the gift
rather than abiding with the giver.

We are familiar with loss, illness and death.
We see the images of war in Ukraine and Russia and we struggle to take heart and action.
We long to bring peace yet our faith is small and we are full of doubt.

Living Christ help us to flee from our idols and to trust in you; believing that you dwell in us and live with us. Forgive us, O God.

Be the lifter of our heads so that we might see your mercy and power at work in the world in these days. We give you thanks.

Lord, hear our prayers.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen

FIRST READING

John 1:14-18

Page 94, second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

Unseen Blessings

P. Martin/M. Hayes

LITANY (adapted from Revelation 21:1-5)

One: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth pass away.

Many: I am making everything new!

One: I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming out of heaven

prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Many: I am making everything new!

One: Then a loud voice said, "The dwelling of God is with

people and God will live with them."

Many: I am making everything new!

One: And God will wipe every tear from their eyes

and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

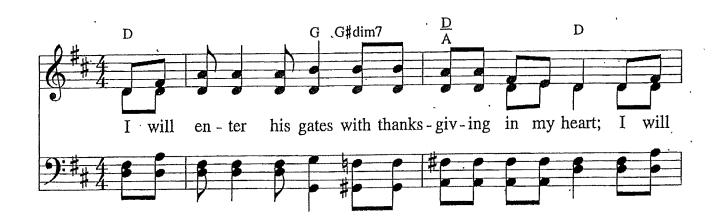
All: For the old has passed away

and God is making everything new!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#657 He Has Made Me Glad

L. Von Brethorst





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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

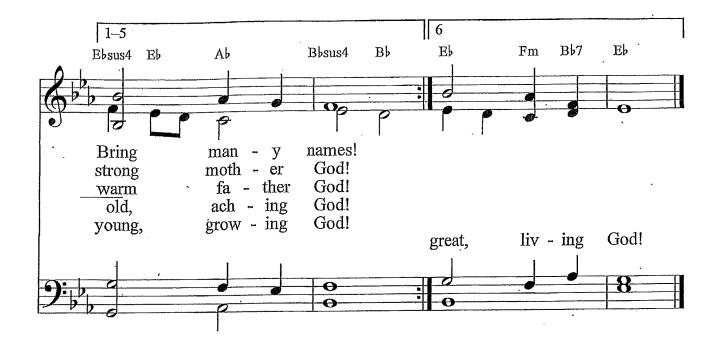
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE





SECOND READING

Acts 17:16-31

Pages 143/144 second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Many and Great

arr. T. Keesecker

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#298 The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE



*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Benediction

May God Who Creates You

C. Dyck

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er

K. Helman

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Rose Merke

Prayers of the People - Warren Tasker

Guest Preacher - Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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