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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Introit

Song of the Tree of Life

R Vaughan-Williams

*Unto them that overcome shall be given of the tree of life,
which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

*On either side of the river groweth the tree of life,
the leaves of the tree are for thy healing. In the midst of
that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal.
Whoso will, let them take to the water of life freely.*

Whoso drinketh of this water shall never thirst.

Take thou the leaves of the tree of life.

So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Please rise as you are able to sing our opening Hymn No 330 in Common Praise.

- 1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**
- 2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth,
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace
from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways
of love.**
- 3 O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.**
- 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;**

for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Priest

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest

May his grace and peace be with you.

All

May he fill our hearts with joy.

All

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We sing together the 'Gloria in Excelsis'

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards : all 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might y.



4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —



A - - - - - men.

Collect of the Day

Priest

Let us pray.

God of glory,
whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death
and found life in the darkness:
may his love be our law,
so that, undimmed by fear,
we may witness to the power of new birth,
through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead.

All

Amen.

Children's Focus

After the Children's Focus, the children are invited to go to Sunday School and will return for Communion.

Please sit for a reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 11.1-18)

Reader

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor sings Refrain



6

All sing Refrain

Choir only ⁷ Praise the Lord | from the | earth, *
 you sea-monsters | and all | deeps;
 ⁸ fire and hail, | snow and | fog, *
 tempestuous wind, do-|ing God's | will;
 ⁹ mountains | and all | hills, *
 fruit trees | and all | cedars;
 ¹⁰ wild beasts | and all | cattle, *
 creeping things and | winged | birds;
 ¹¹ kings of the | earth and all | peoples, *
 princes and all rulers | of the | world;
 ¹² young men | and | maidens, *
 old and | young to-|gether.
 ¹³ Let them praise the | name of the | Lord, *
 for his name only is exalted,
 his splendour is over | earth and | heaven.
 ¹⁴ He has raised up | strength for his | people *
 and praise for all his | loyal | servants, *
 the child-|ren of | Israel, *
 a people who are near him. Hal|lelu|jah!

All sing Refrain

Please remain seated for a reading from the Book of Revelation (Chapter 21.1-6)

Reader Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first
 heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was
 no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
 coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride
 adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from
 the throne saying,
 'See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader
All

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual Hymn No 484 in Common Praise

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me.**
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth.**

We remain standing for the Gospel



Deacon
All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St. John. (Chapter 13.31-35)

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Deacon When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man
has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If
God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in
himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am
with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I
said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going,
you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also
should love one another. By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas

Please rise as you are able as we affirm our faith

Apostles' Creed

Priest I believe in God,

All **the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able for our prayers

At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People:

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus,
and St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we
commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.
Merciful Father:

All **Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please rise as you are able for the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace

During the singing of Hymn No 505 a collection will be taken

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Prayer over the gifts

Priest Gracious God,
you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

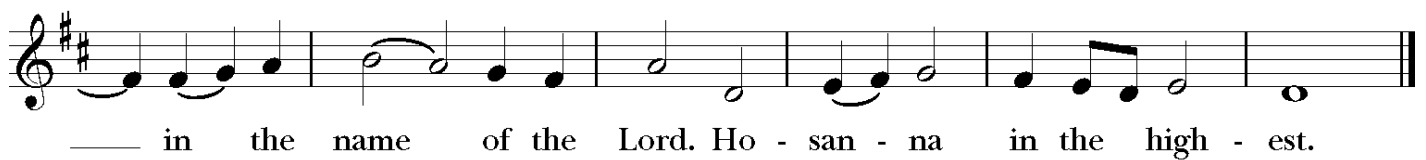
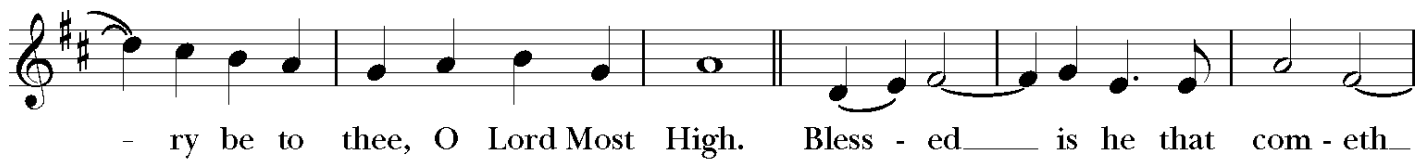
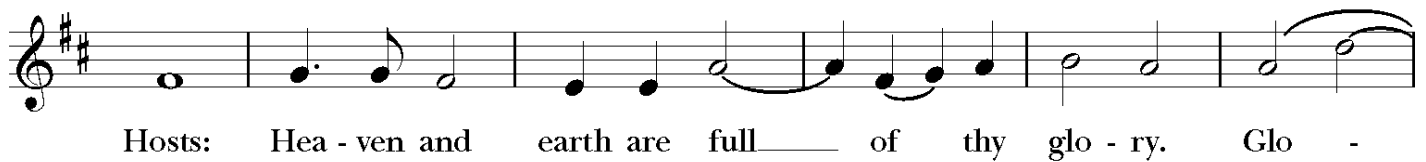
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,

and by his rising to life again
 he has won for us eternal life.
 Therefore, joining our voices
 with the whole company of heaven,
 we sing our joyful hymn of praise
 to proclaim the glory of your name.



Priest

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In him, you have brought us

out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “ Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Priest and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest And now as our Saviour 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

Priest Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest

We were buried in your tomb.

All

Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest

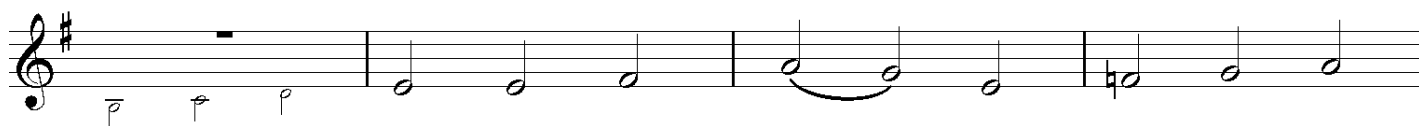
Live in us, that we may live in you.

Priest

The gifts of God, for the people of God

All

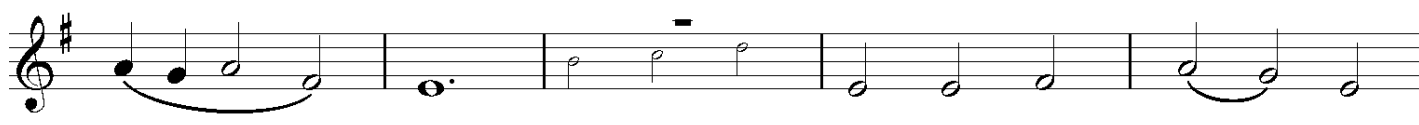
Thanks be to God.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please receive the bread by holding out your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips, or simply touch the base of the chalice if you prefer not to drink from it. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted in our diocese. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

Communion Anthems	O Bone Jesu	J Brahms
O bone Jesu, miserere nobis, quia tu creasti nos, tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo praetiosissimo.	O gracious Jesus, have mercy on us, because you have created us and redeemed us with your most precious blood.	
	Ave Maria Op.12	J Brahms
Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum benedicta tu In mulieribus et benedictus Fructus ventris tui Jesus.	Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.	
Sancta Mari, Mater Dei Ora pro nobis peccatoribus Nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Ave Maria.	Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.	

Prayer after Communion

Priest	Let us pray. God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All	Amen.

Priest
All

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We sit for the notices

We stand for the Blessing

Priest

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, that 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.

All

Amen.

We sing our final Hymn No. 442 in Common Praise

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.**
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong;
half-free, half-bound by inner chains;
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined;
yet seeking hope for humankind.**
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.**

- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free,
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude The Holy City (chorus sing-a-long) S Adams
*Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up you gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!*

*The organ postlude is to uplift us as we go out into the world. Kindly refrain from
applauding. Please join us in the Trendell Lounge for refreshments.*

Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am

Sunday online service

10am Holy Eucharist live-stream

Wednesday online service

8pm Midweek Meditation

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