Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting VIII

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Douglas Shabe, Director of Music Hannah Lee, Organist Kate Radford, Soprano Anita Mork, Assistant Minister Steve Rose, Lector

Bonnie Mohr & Kristin Johnson, Sunday School

Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"The Language of Jesus Is Love"

arr. Phil Naish

EASTER LITANY

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son \pm , and of the Holy Spirit: **Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Lord Jesus, our risen Savior,

We confess to you our sinfulness. We believe anyone and anything but your holy Word. We prefer easy lies to hard truth. We are quick to judge, condemn, and exclude, but slow to forgive. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. In your goodness, resurrect us. Amen.

Our Savior Christ comes with healing, forgiveness, and life in his wounded hands. He breathes his Holy Spirit upon us, kindling renewed faith, hope, and love. Receive all he gives with humble joy, and share them with warm generosity, in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



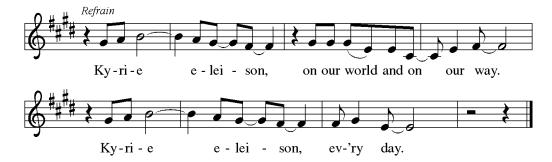
Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, 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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98 The congregation responds with the bold verses.

- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²O LORD, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

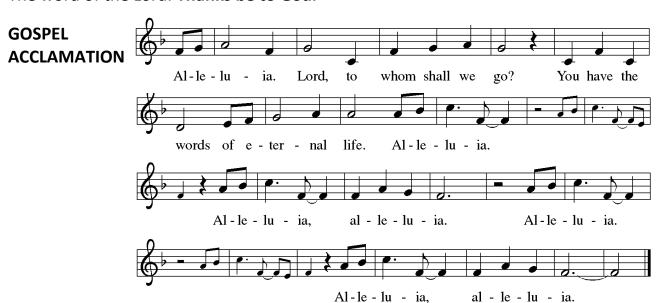
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
- ⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands; lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it, the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
- 8Let the rivers | clap their hands,
 - and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.
- ⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do

what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Garry Mohr

HYMN OF THE DAY Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

APOSTLES' CREED

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 OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy." The assembly responds with "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE - The presiding and the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song"

- Eugene Butler

OFFERING PRAYER - All speak the prayer together.

Lord Jesus, thank you for being our strength and our song. We gladly lay before you everything we have received from you: our lives, our time, our treasures, and our talents. Use all we have and all we are to glorify you and show your love to those who need it most. Amen.

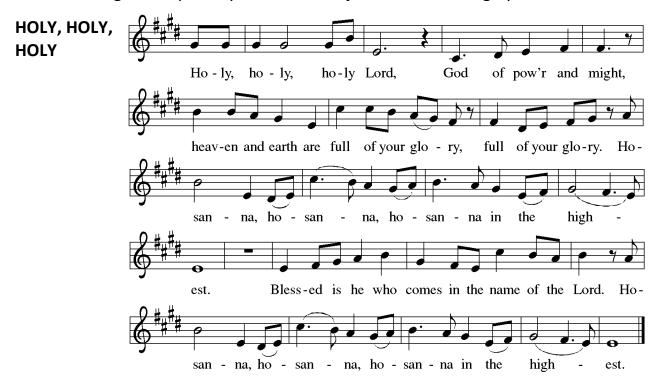
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

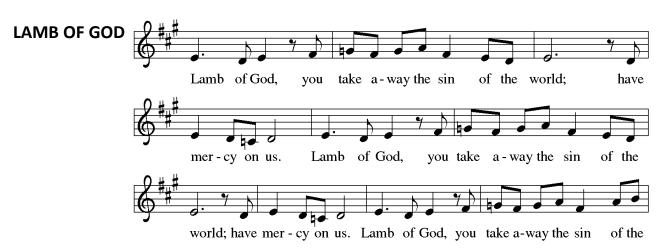
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptations but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION





COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are invited into a time of reflection before they receive communion. During this time, you may prepare your hearts to receive the sacrament. Once ready, you may commune yourself and those around you with the bread and wine/grape juice. A representative from each household may say the following—bread: "The body of Christ given for you." Wine/grape juice: "The blood of Christ shed for you."

COMMUNION HYMN

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep in his grace, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - All speak the prayer together.

We thank you for your great gift of love, your Son Jesus Christ. May we who have received his body and blood bear the light of his love into the world, to your glory and for the healing of our world. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you his peace. In the name of the Father, the \pm Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 820

O Savior, Precious Savior





Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

"The Power of Your Love"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Altar flowers are given by Kris Pilon & Dave Cuatt in glad celebration of eight years of marriage together.

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| Calendar This Week | | |
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| Every Sunday | 10:00 AM | Virtual & In-Person Worship Service |
| Wed 5/8/24 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study in the Chapel |
| Thurs 5/9/24 | 7:00 PM | Choir Practice |
| Sat 5/11/24 | 9:30 AM | Food Shelf Open |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

With sadness we share that our member, **Karen Smallfoot**, passed away unexpectedly on March 19, 2024, in her home. She is now with her Lord. Please pray for God's blessings and Grace for Karen. There will be a **memorial service** for Karen Smallfoot on **Saturday May 25th at 11:00 am** at HAGL. **Please contact the office** if you can organize or help with a reception that will follow her memorial service.

Karen's passing reminds us to have **updated contact and emergency contact info on file** with the office. Be sure we know who to contact on your behalf if the need arises. Send your info to the office or contact Leslie in the office to find out what information we already have.

Our longtime member, **Donald Aldridge**, **passed away on April 3rd**. He had been having problems and getting weaker over the past months. He was able to live for few weeks in a Board and Care in Covina with his wife, Sylvia, where she has lived for the past year with Alzheimer's, before being taken to the hospital.

They have two daughters, Jennifer and Liz, plus grandchildren. The family had a small service at Mountain View Cemetery Chapel in Altadena. They appreciate our prayers and are thankful for HAGL where Sylvia was raised, married and faithfully attended services with Don.

THANKOFFERING CHURCHES 🏠

Beginning Sunday, May 5th, you will notice a decorated shoebox in the narthex. Please write your name and your suggestions for donations to a charitable organization(s) and place them in the box. You may also text or email me. 626-215-3964, marshag06@gmail.com.

Thank you Women of Grace for participating, Marsha Green

The Hill Avenue Grace Food Shelf needs volunteers! We're looking for new, friendly faces to help distribute food on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. You can help out as often or as little as you want. If you're open to hearing more, please contact Tobe Poehlmann at foodshelf@hillavenuegrace.org.

Did you know you can use the "Donate" button on our church website, hillavenuegrace.org, for an easy way to make your donations? Here you can specify a fund, how often you want the donation made, specify a debit or credit card or bank transfer, and even choose to cover the processing fee so HAGL receives your full donation amount! Contact the office with questions.

Dedicate Altar Flowers. There are still a few slots available for the upcoming months to sponsor the Altar Flowers. Cost is \$70 for the twin arrangements or \$35 for a single. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex today!

Do you have a vase from Dick Branson's memorial that hasn't yet been returned? The owner is looking for it, please return it to the church office.

Join us this Sunday at 10 AM for our Virtual Worship via Zoom!

Check in a few minutes early and hear the prelude! You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshiping together!

Join Zoom Meeting

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We are back to joining at the altar for communion. We will be going up the center aisle and returning down the side aisles. If you are not comfortable with that, pick up a communion set at the table in the narthex and then proceed into the sanctuary. There will be 3 options for communion: bread and wine, bread and juice, and gluten-free bread and wine. Only take one set for yourself. Wait for communion instructions before opening the packet.

The service will still be available on Zoom and Facebook Live for those who prefer to remain at home. If you have questions, please let our church office know. We look forward to actually seeing you at church this Sunday!