

2nd Sunday of Easter April 24, 2022

A LITURGY FOR EARTHKEEPING



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

OPENING SONG "Come and See"



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Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together (Chorus of "Come and See")

CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (silence)

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life....

We confess our part in a broken world.

One: You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

One: As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

SONG OF MERCY "Mercy On This Fallen World"

MERCY ON THIS FALLEN WORLD





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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

SONG OF PRAISE "Gloria"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 20, verses 19-31.

SONG OF THE WORD "Hallelujah"



©2011 Dakota Road Music All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. (Reader): 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,

(Side 1): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): 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,

(Side 2): "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Reader): When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

(Side 1): "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."

(Reader): But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

(Side 2): "We have seen the Lord."

(Reader): But he said to them,

(Side 1): "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."

(Reader): 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,

(Side 2): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): Then he said to Thomas,

(Side 1): "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

(Reader): Thomas answered him,

(Side 2): "My Lord and my God!"

(Reader): Jesus said to him,

(ALL): "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

(Reader): 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.

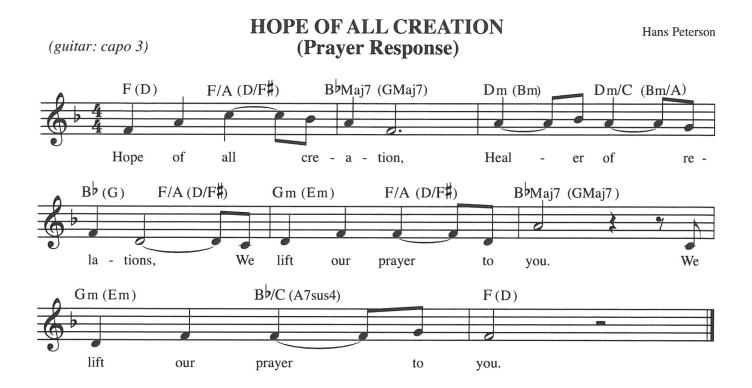
(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Pastor Hans Peterson

SONG OF THE DAY "Your Love is Everlasting"





OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we pray together: Song: "Many Will Come"



Invitation to the Meal

This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough. Let us pray, God of all good gifts who gives freely to us, You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is 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 God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

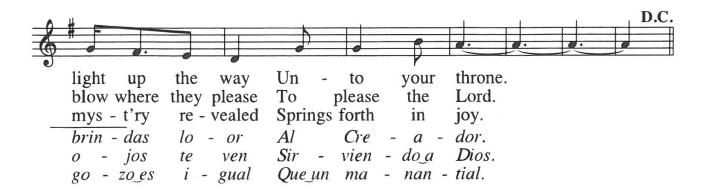
The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

The Meal

COMMUNION SONG "Canticle of the Sun" (Verses 1-3)





- 4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the sun to brighten our night; He dances with joy, his spirit so bright, He sings of you.
- 5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The creatures you made to let your life show; The flowers and trees that help us to know The heart of love.
- 6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowledge of loss that helps us to feel; The gift of yourself, your presence revealed To lead us home.
- 4. Gloria a ti, Dios, por fuego y por sol, Que dan de su luz radiante_esplendor. Que bailan por ti brindando calor. ¡Feliz canción!
- 5. Prez a ti, Dios, por tierra y hogar, Pues tu creación nos gusta admirar. Un pez y una flor nos hacen pensar En tu amor.
- 6. Gracias, mi Dios, por tu don final: La hermana más fiel que alivia al mortal Y es dulce cuan miel. La muerte a tu umbral Nos llevará.

Text: Altissimu, onnipotente bon Signore; St. Francis of Assisi, 1181–1226; adapt. by Marty Haugen, b.1950; tr. by Georgina Pando-Connolly, b.1946 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950 © 1980, tr. 2007, GIA Publications, Inc.

Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ**.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES!

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

BENEDICTION

May God our Creator bless and keep you, may Jesus, child of the earth, walk with you,

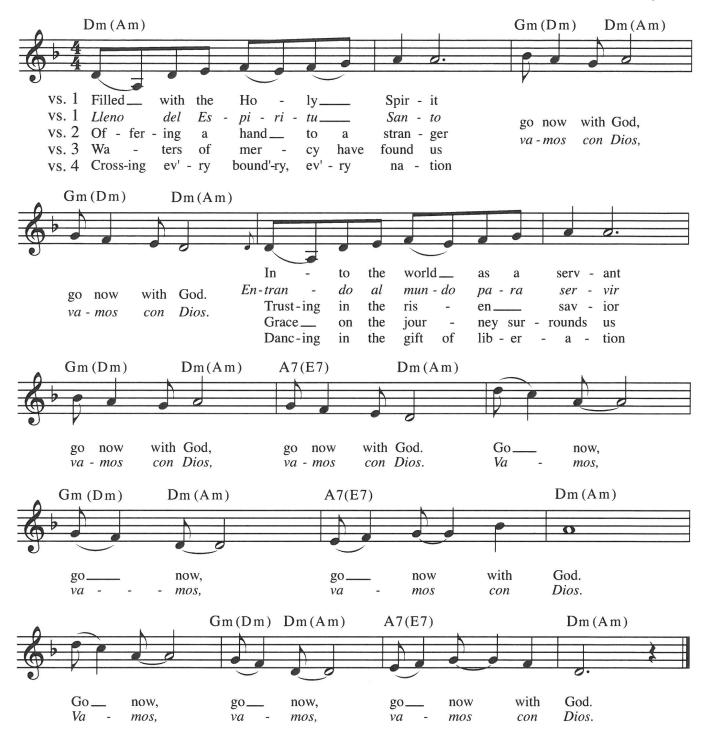
and may the Holy Spirit, wind and fire, give you hope and peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "Go Now"

GO NOW WITH GOD

Hans Peterson Larry Olson



DISMISSAL Go in peace, care for all creation. Thanks be to God.

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Music to Send You Out

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