Luther Memorial Lutheran Church 13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133 Worship for Sunday, 5 May 2024 + Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please Stand

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

C: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

P: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

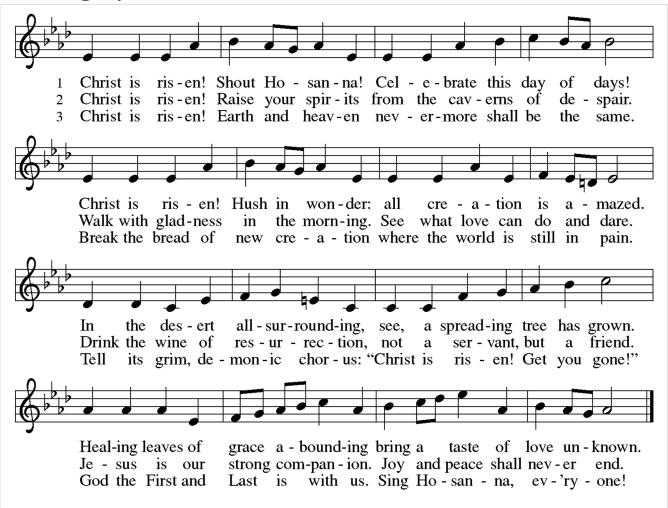
You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

C: Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

P: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #383

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

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.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

Peter had not finished speaking these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter asked, "What can stop these people who have received the Holy Spirit, even as we have, from being baptized with water?" So he gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After this was done, they asked him to stay on with them for a few days.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

Read Responsively

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God.

Everyone who loves God loves the One who has come from God.

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what God has commanded.

The love of God consists of this: that we keep God's commandments. And these commandments are not burdensome.

Everyone born of God conquers the world, and the power that has conquered the world is our faith.

Who then can overcome the world? The one who believes that Jesus is the Only Begotten of God.

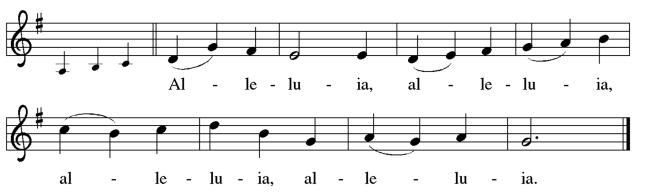
Jesus Christ came by water and blood—not by water alone, but with water and blood.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand



Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments.

I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's

friends.

And you are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God.

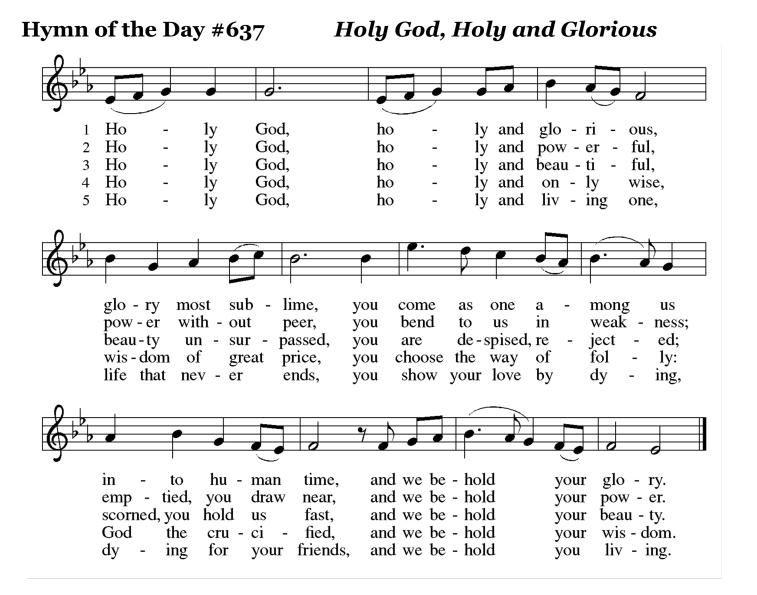
It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you.

This command I give you: that you love one another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon



Prayers and Peace

P: ...Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

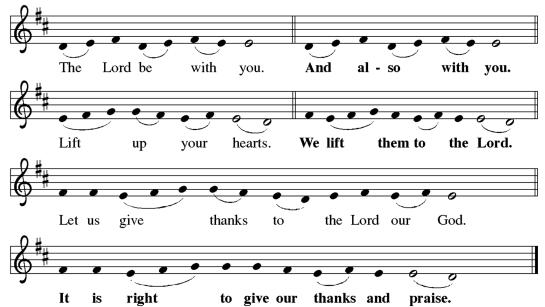
Offertory Prayer

Please stand

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

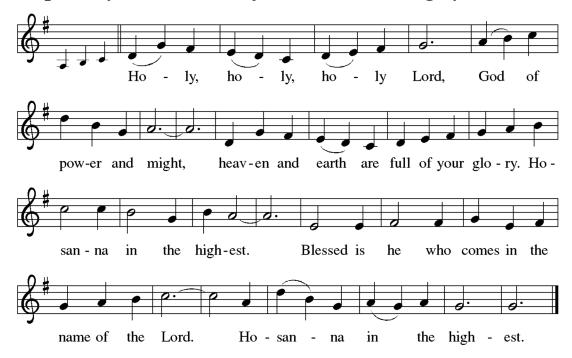
Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the

resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Liturgy

All praise to you, glorious God of grace.

Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.

With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.

With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.

With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.

Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.

Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.

Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.

One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission. On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.

Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be vour name, vour kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

You may be seated Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister. You will then take an already filled glass of either wine or grape juice from the tray the assisting minister is holding. There will be baskets off to the side where you can dispose of your used cups. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table. You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #838

Beautiful Savior



Post-communion Prayer

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

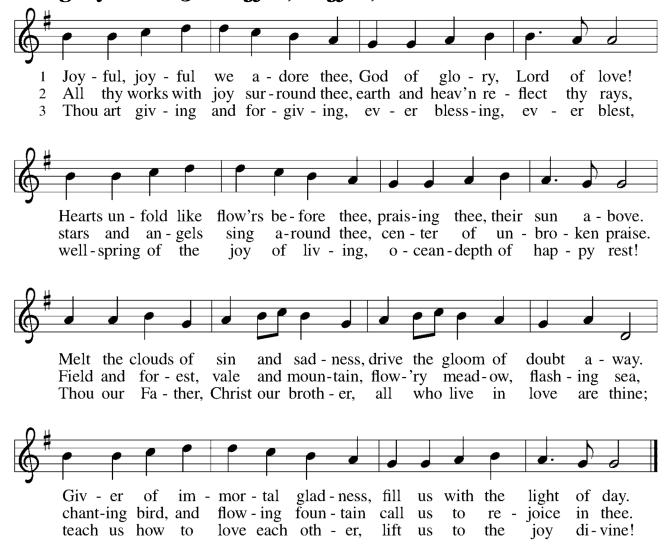
C: Amen.

Blessing

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #836 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



Postlude

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser Cynthia Dario-Good Keiko Long Lollie Ellingson Donna Smith (all readings, including Psalm) Mary Hinderliter and Eric Zoeckler Vicki Cook Presider/Preacher Musician Communion Assistant Usher Lector FOSS Transport Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: *John 17:6-19*

Potluck and Board Games: Join us after worship on Sunday, May 12th, for our monthly potluck and board games!

Upcoming Events

5	MAY, SUN	10:30 - 11:30a4 - 6pm	m In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
6	MAY, MON	• 5 – 8pm	Anne Marcus Cooking Class Kitchen
7	MAY, TUE	1 - 5pm1 - 3pm	Pastor Sara @FOSS Foss Home & Village Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
8	MAY, WED	• 9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study Library
9	MAY, THU	 9am - 1pm 11:30am - 12: 6:30 - 9pm 	Pastor Sara @FOSS Foss Home & Village Broadview Garden Club - Katy Celebration Hall
10	MAY, FRI	• 10am – 12pm	Pastor Sara @FOSS LMLC Office

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