

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 9, 2021



ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
515 2ND STREET, WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

WITH CHRIST AND IN CHRIST, WE WELCOME, CELEBRATE, COLLABORATE, AND GROW.

ORGAN PRELUDE *Johann Friedrich Alberti, Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN *words: Christopher Wordsworth.; music: Arthur Sullivan, 191*

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the sequence of lines for each system.

System 1:

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

System 2:

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

System 3:

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST TESTAMENT

Acts 10:44-48

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

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Cantate Domino, 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

- ³ The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.
- ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- ⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

***All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen***

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-6

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

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

words: Scott Francis Brenner; music: Johann Bach, 297

1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant
us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your
sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I 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. You 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY *A time of silence follows the homily.* The Rev. Carren Sheldon

NICENE CREED EOW, p. 53

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Lord God, our Creator, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world. Give new life to us and to all people. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor After his rising, Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Bring your peace to this world and to our own land. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are suffering, lonely, or grieving. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor The Risen Christ met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the power of faith in their lives. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus revealed himself to the disciples through the Scriptures and made himself known in the sharing of food. Make him known to all through your Word and the feasts of your holy people. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who have died, and lead them to life with you forever. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Gracious God, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider On this day the Lord has acted; Jesus Christ is risen!
Let us rejoice and be glad!

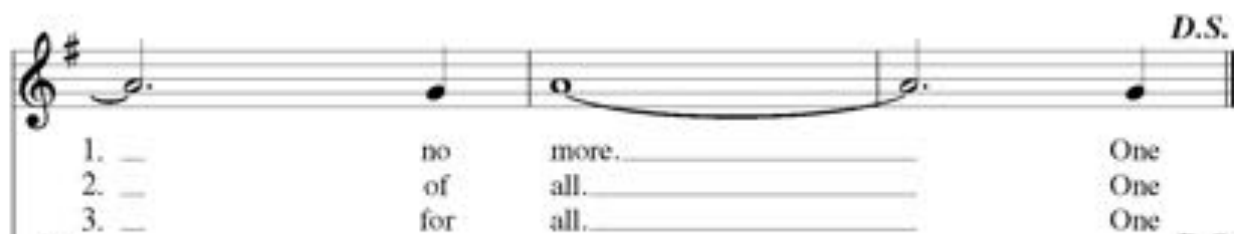
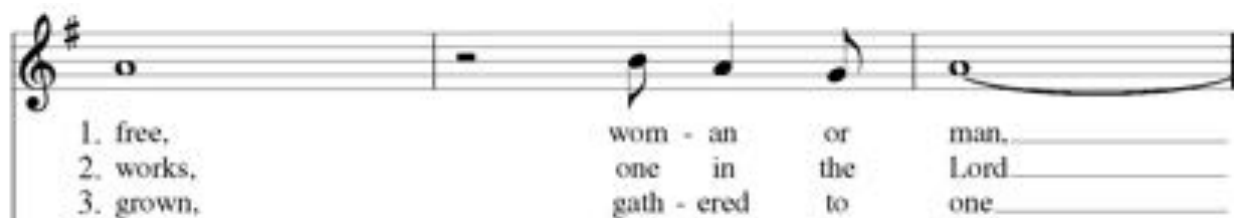
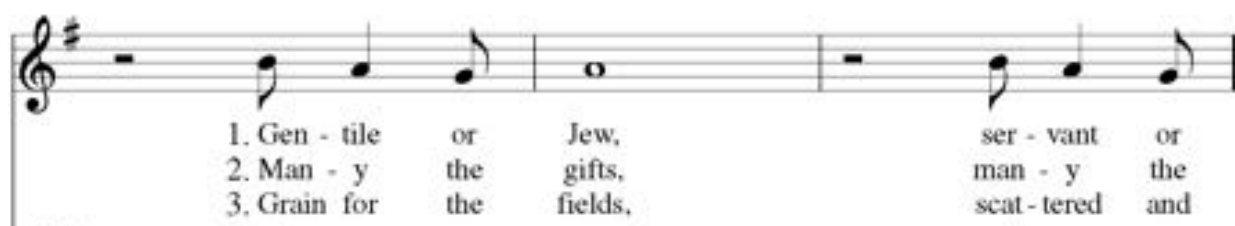
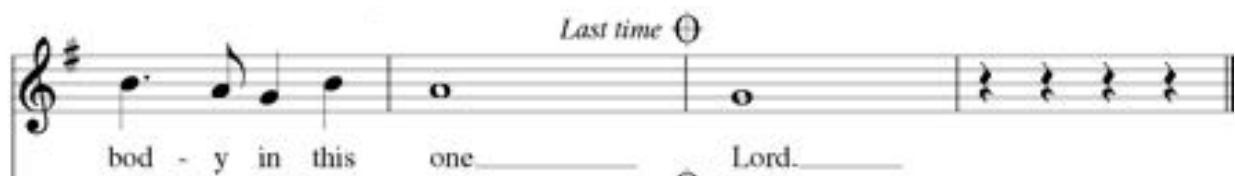
OFFERTORY HYMN

words: trad.; music: John B. Foley, SJ, LEVAS II 151

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who have consecrated bread now share it, saying:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

Or pray the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion instead:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING

The presider pronounces a blessing, and the people respond **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN

words: John Fawcett; music: Sicilian Melody, 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace; O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Anonymous, 18th cent., Voluntary 1 in F

Coffee Hour is online, immediately after the service & you're invited!

Bruce is this week's host. Please join us via Zoom.

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- **Centering Prayer, Sundays, 7pm, Sanctuary**, contact Tom Eaton
- **Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom**, contact Tom Eaton
- **"The Social Justice Bible Challenge", Weds, 7 pm,**
via Zoom, contact Margaret
- **Queer Alliance, Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom**, contact Mairic



*St. Luke's is committed
to full inclusion
for queer folk.*



Temenos

(Holy Ground)

WHAT IS TEMENOS?

(Pronounced “tem-én-nos”)

A refuge where community honors and intentionally works with the land, plants, soil, air, water, and animals. This sanctuary offers healing, respite, a nourishing garden, and a place of learning where diversity is sought and all are welcome.

Temenos is located at corner of County Roads 22 and 94B on the far west end of Woodland, across the street from the Woodland Airport. Come by any time and take a stroll.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Join us at Temenos for a socially-distanced gathering and fundraiser. We will be selling containers of Amy Allen’s famous salsas, as well as vegetable starts for you to plant in your home garden.



WE COULD USE...

In preparation for the fundraiser, we are in need of the disposable plastic containers that your plants came in from the hardware store or nursery. If you have a stash of them lying about and would be willing to donate, please email Shawn at triskal@mac.com and he’ll swing by and pick them up.

Our next big expense is the construction of a new greenhouse. If you feel called to donate financially, please visit our GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/seed-money-to-start-a-nonprofit>