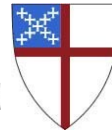


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The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Earth and Ocean Celebration

Year B

April 21, 2024

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*Welcome!*

*The presence of visitors enriches our liturgy immensely. We welcome you and invite you to participate by sharing in our worship as we gather to hear God's word, pray, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist.*

*We especially welcome you to share in the bread and wine at God's table.*

*We encourage wearing masks at this time. Masks and cough drops are available just outside the entryway doors to the Sanctuary and at the Welcome Table. We are leaving the entryway doors to the Sanctuary open during the service to increase airflow and to allow for easier movement, in case you need to get a drink of water or step outside of the Sanctuary. Ushers are available to help. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all.*

# Holy Eucharist Rite I

*Congregational responses are in bold face.*

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennifer B. Cleveland

Acclamation

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pascha Nostrum *Said by all.*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* Holy God, your mercy is over all your works, and in the web of life each creature has its role and place. We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, lichen and whale; we honor you for whirlwind and lava, tide and topsoil, cliff and marsh. Give us hearts and minds eager to care for your planet, humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones, justice to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants, and love not limited by our ignorance. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who unifies what is far off and what is near, and in whom, by grace and the working of your Holy Spirit, all things hold together. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Lesson Acts 4:5-12

*Reader:* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Epistle Romans 8:18-23

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

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*Please stand as able.*

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon The Rev. Jennifer B. Cleveland

The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as able.*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able.*

*Intercessor:* Let us pray for the revealing of the kingdom of God in the world, now and always, saying: Giver of Life, hear our prayer.

**All: In the beginning, God was. Here and now, God is. In the future, God will be.**

*Intercessor:* Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

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Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

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Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

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Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

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Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

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Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty. We give thanks for Pam Shepodd who is celebrating a birthday this week, and Nancy Ruff who is celebrating the anniversary of baptism. Make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

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Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

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Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help.

*Silence*

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Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

*Silence*

My sisters and brothers, for whom or what else must we ask of God?

*Please add your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Presider:* [Gichi Manidoo,] Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, Our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind Our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

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**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

Absolution

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

The Offertory

Blessed be the God of all creation: For in your goodness you make all things new.

*Please stand as able.*

*Presider:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own we have given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Communion of the People

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy gifts for Holy People.

*Silence is kept.*

***All are welcome at God's table!***

*There are many ways to participate in communion.*

***You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine.***

***Wine will be offered by sipping from the chalice only.***

*To drink from the Common cup, simply guide the chalice to your lips.*

***You may choose to receive the bread only; to receive bread, simply hold out your hands.***

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

***If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.***

Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

*Presider:* May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go.  
And the blessing of God be upon you.

*All:* **The blessing of the God of life.**

*Presider:* The blessing of Christ be upon you,

*All:* **The blessing of the Christ of love.**

*Presider:* The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

*All:* **The blessing of the Spirit of grace.**

*Presider:* The blessing of the Trinity ☩ be upon you, now and evermore.

*All:* **Amen.**

Dismissal

*Presider:* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please join us in Campbell Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship.*



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in Memory of Brad's mother born on this day in 1926.*

# Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Prelude: Pastorale

Domenico Zipoli

Welcome

The Rev. Jennifer B. Cleveland

*Silence*

*Please stand as able at the ringing of the hand bell.*

**Hymn: 204** (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*) Now the green blade riseth

NOEL NOUVELET

Acclamation

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Easter Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead

*(sung three times)*

Christ is ris - en from the dead, tramp-ling down death— by death, and on

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*Please stand as able.*

Hymn: Restless weaver, ever spinning

BEACH SPRING

1 Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice and sha - lom;  
 2 Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each bro - ken strand.  
 3 When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a - bused and torn,  
 4 Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life— now and yet to be—

dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures find a home;  
 Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land.  
 from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and trust re - born.  
 bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing tap - es - try:

gath - ering up life's var - ied fi - bers— ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue:  
 Through the Spir - it's in - spi - ra - tion— of - fering health where once was pain—  
 Where in - just - ice rules as ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare  
 you have called us to be weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do.

grant us your cre - a - tive vi - sion. With us weave your world a - new.  
 strength - en us to be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.  
 live our dreams of trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.  
 With your reign of peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

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Music: *Beach Spring*, from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844.

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*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon The Rev. Jennifer B. Cleveland

The Creed

*Please stand as able.*

*Presider:* Let us share in proclaiming our common faith.

*People:* **We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing, and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

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*People:* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

Announcements *Please be seated.*

The Offertory

Blessed be the God of all creation: For in your goodness you make all things new.

Offertory Anthem: I Am the Good Shepherd

Mary E. Caldwell

I am the good Shepherd, the good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep.  
I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.  
As the Maker knoweth me, so I know the Maker,  
And I lay down my life for the sheep.  
And other sheep I have, not of this fold.  
Them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice,  
And there shall be one Shepherd, and one fold.  
And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish.  
Neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand.  
My Maker who gave them me is greater than all,  
And no-one is able to pluck them out of my Maker's hand,  
For I and my Maker are one.

*Presider:* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*Please stand as able.*

The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider*                                  *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

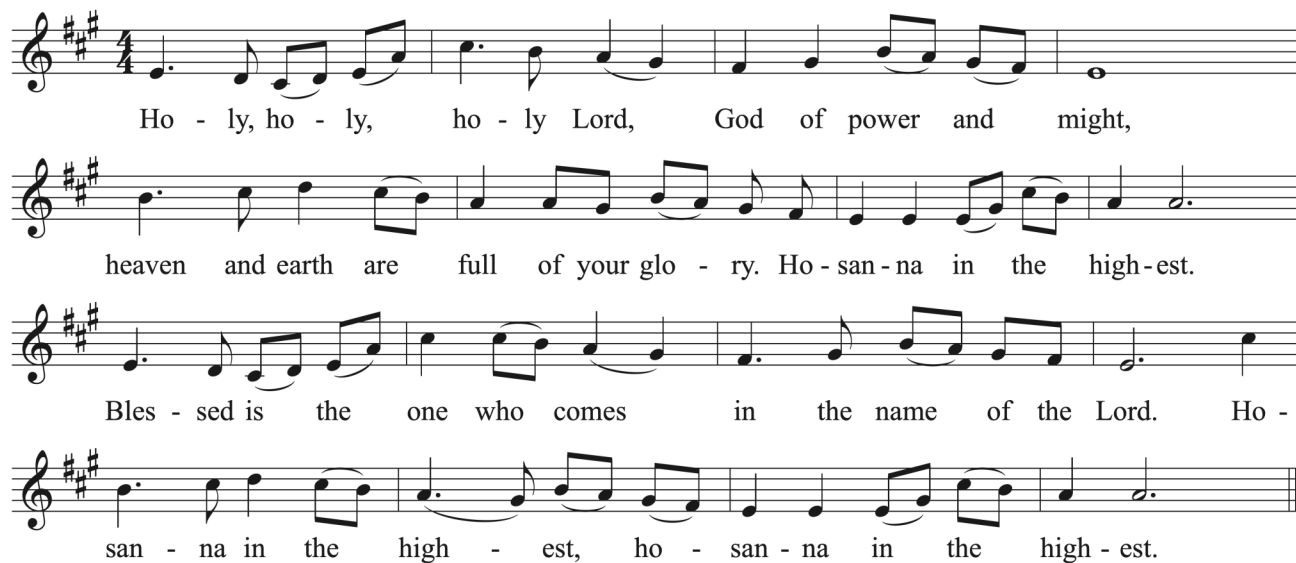
*Presider*                                  *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider:* We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you because in the mystery of Christ's incarnation, you have gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, calling your people to be ministers of reconciliation and to proclaim the Good News to all creation.

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Queen Lili'uokalani (1838-1917), arr. Henry Lebedinsky

**All: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.**

*Presider:* On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you." In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God." And so together we pray:

**All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.**

*Presider:* May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

**All: Hear us, therefore, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine.**

*Presider:* May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Therefore, we raise our voices, offering glory to God, from whom all love flows; glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering; glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places; and we add our great "Amen" as we praise your name. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Jesus (a version of the Lord's prayer based on Luke 11:2 – 5)

John Philip Newell, *Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter*

*Presider:* Let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us.

**Ground of all being, Mother of life,  
father of the universe.  
May we know your presence here,  
seeking your will upon earth.  
Grant all your creatures food for today  
and strength for our families.  
Pardon our falseness as we forgive  
those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our need  
but lead us to new birth.  
For the glory of life and the light of life,  
are yours forever. Amen.**

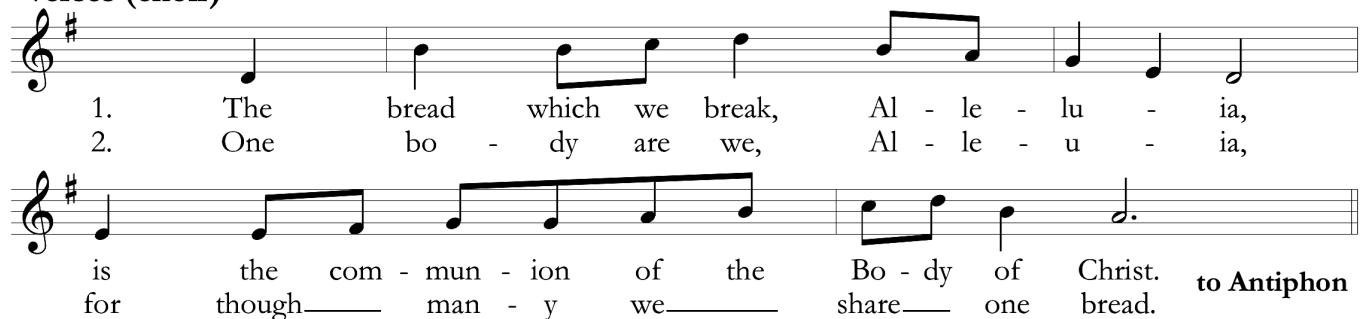
## The Breaking of the Bread ~ Fraction Anthem

### Antiphon (congregation)



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread.

### Verses (choir)



1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - ia,  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - u - ia,  
is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ. to Antiphon  
for though man - y we share one bread.

Setting: *University Mass* (2016), Henry Lebedinsky (b.1975). Used by permission.

## The Communion of the People

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the people of God. Holy gifts for holy people.

***All are welcome at God's table!***

*There are many ways to participate in communion.*

***You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine.***

***Wine will be offered by sipping from the chalice only.***

*To drink from the Common cup, simply guide the chalice to your lips.*

***You may choose to receive the bread only; to receive bread, simply hold out your hands.***

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

***If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.***

**Communion Hymn: 343** (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*) Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

***All: Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## Blessing

*Presider:* May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go.  
And the blessing of God be upon you.

***All: The blessing of the God of life.***

*Presider:* The blessing of Christ be upon you,

***All: The blessing of the Christ of love.***

*Presider:* The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

***All: The blessing of the Spirit of grace.***

*Presider:* The blessing of the Trinity ☩ be upon you, now and evermore.

***All: Amen.***

**Hymn:** Mountain brook with rushing waters

HOLY MANNA

1 Moun - tain brook with rush - ing wa - ters, ea - gle perched in loft - y tree,  
 2 Pure the wa - ter fresh - ly flow - ing toward its o - cean des - ti - ny,  
 3 Keep us faith - ful in the strug - gle to con - serve earth's threat - ened store

flower - ing hill - side in the spring - time, white - tailed deer a - lert and free!  
 clean the air of God's cre - a - tion, rich the soil, the mine, the sea.  
 as we seek to save the for - est, clean the stream, pro - tect the shore.

Beau - ty, beau - ty all a - round us! Ju - bi - la - te! Sing for joy!  
 "Earth is good!" God's word pro - claimed it. Ju - bi - la - te! Sing for joy!  
 God and hu - mans work to - geth - er, Ju - bi - la - te! Sing for joy!

Help us, God, pre - serve earth's splen - dor for to - mor - row's world to see.  
 Save us, God, from waste - ful liv - ing that de - stroys earth's dig - ni - ty.  
 Part - ners work - ing till as stew - ards we can say, "Earth's good!" once more.

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MUSIC: *Hyfrydol*, Roland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

**Dismissal**

*Presider:* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude: Fugue in G**

John Stanley

*The Postlude is a musical offering after the service has ended. Please know that you are welcome to leave after the Dismissal or stay and enjoy this musical offering.*

*Please join us in Campbell Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship.*



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brad Portin and Mark Wicks  
in Memory of Brad's mother born on this day in 1926.*

## Worship Leaders

April 21, 2024

Preaching: The Rev. Jennifer B. Cleveland

Presiding: The Rev. Jennifer B. Cleveland

Altar Guild Team: Three

Music: Henry Lebedinsky, Choir, and Congregation

Tabulators: Bert Speir and Karen Fay

Welcome Table - Frank Shirbroun

### 8:00 service

Greeter: Aljean Muncey

Usher: Dann Jergenson

Vested Chalice Bearer: Albert Rose

First Lesson and Psalm: Ted Brookes

Epistle and Prayers: Celia Metz

Coffee Hour Host: Ted Brookes

### 10:30 service

Greeters: Bert Speir

Ushers: Robin & John Porter

Vested Chalice Bearer: Bev Babson

Torches: Wanda Roe and Diane Jhueck

Lectors: Margaret Schultz and Susan Sandri

Eucharistic Minister II: Carole Hansen

Coffee Hour Hosts:



### We Hold the Earth

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.

We hold all species that suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions.

We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community.

We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities. . .

so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.

May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life. **Amen.**

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*Next week, Eclipse Garrett, a senior at Oak Harbor High School and a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Harbor, will preach at both services.*