

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Acts of the Apostles

4:32-35

The early church "lived" the experience of the risen Christ in following his commandments to love one another. How do we do that today?

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

Gevert -6

Living together in unity seems a stretch for our nation today. How might we work towards that end?

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The First Letter of John

1:1-2:2

What might have been the reason for this letter? It seems there may have been trouble among the believers.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gradual Hymn 206

O filii et filiae

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Plainsong, Arr. Gevert



Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John

20:19-31

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Show me!" says Thomas. Perhaps Thomas did not "doubt" as much as he wanted the experience that the others had had. Do we find ever find that true of ourselves as well?

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, "Peace be with you." 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, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "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."

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, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to

believe."

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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

A Time of Silent Reflection

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our towns, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful (*we leave time to lift up thanksgivings*) and for those on our parish cycle of prayer, Fred and Sally Harris and Alison Hasenbein and Ryan Heller and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*), and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Peace and the Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 174 *Salzburg*
Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3 *Old 100th*
The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* pg. 361
Holy, Holy, Holy: Hymnal S 128 William Matthias (1934-1992)
The Lord's Prayer pg. 364
Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 171 *Mode 6 Melody*
adapt Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Communion Hymn 334 *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*
Communion Hymn 304 *Land of Rest*

Postcommunion Prayer

Holy, gracious, God, Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 189 *Resurrexit*
Postlude Gevert

Let us greet friends in Walker Hall after the service so that others may enjoy the postlude.

God has written the promise of Resurrection not
only in books alone,
but in every leaf of springtime.

Martin Luther

The Trinity Vestry

Carol M. Taylor, Senior Warden
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Susanna Schindler, Alice Tweed

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Ministers of Communion: Taylor Neil, Mary Anne Carley
Ushers: Allen Berrien, Donald Reed
Lector: Diane Walters
Epistler: Linda Lloyd
Intercessor: Jim Conzo
Counters: Gordon Gustafson, Jason Gladding
Hospitality: Team 3
Altar Guild: Biz Rogers, Jane Canfield
Young People Terri Brennan, Jason Gladding
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Please know that we welcome everyone to come forward to receive Holy Communion, or to receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers as well as wheat, and we have a chalice of blessed grape juice as well as wine. We welcome you to God's table.

Wed., Apr. 11 2:00 PM Worship at Noble Horizons
Thurs., Apr. 12 1:30 PM Holy Communion at Geer Village
Sun., Apr. 15 10:30 AM Youth Sunday
Noon Vestry Meeting
Tues., Apr. 17 7:00 PM Book Group—*A Short History of Myth*
by Karen Armstrong. All welcome!
Sun., April 22 11:45 AM Community Brunch with reps from
The Veterinary Foundation of America, FFA
(Future Farmers of America) and the Northwest
Corner Prevention Network. Please bring a dish
for the brunch table!
Wed., April 25 1:00 PM Prayers and Songs with Pastor Heidi at
Sharon Hospital
Sat., Apr. 28 6:00 PM Misa en Español
Mondays 7:00 PM Crescendo
Sundays 8:45 AM Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew
Wednesdays 8:00 PM AA meeting in Walker Hall

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The Word of God

Let us keep silence as the prelude begins.

Prelude

Gevert

Processional Hymn 213

Middlebury

Pastor Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Pastor 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.

The Gloria: Hymnal S 277

From New Plainsong;
David Hurd (b. 1950)