

MINISTRY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B
APRIL 28, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit to the Glory of God.

Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God.

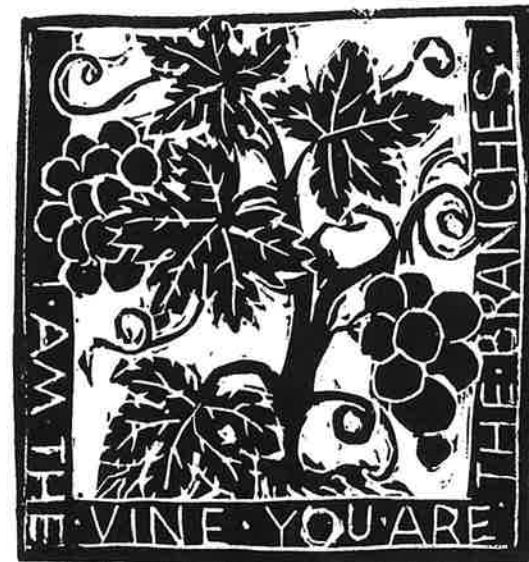
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9:00 a.m.

Prelude: *On Lasst uns Erfrewun*

Opening Prayer

Land Acknowledgement:

We gather today in this sacred place, on sacred ground, and we remember those who have come before us. The people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Grants Pass, Oregon, acknowledge the original caretakers of the land on which we reside. The Rogue River Tribes include the Takelma, Athapaskans, the Shastas and Umpquas. In the 1850's, these Tribes were displaced when colonization and the Gold Rush brought Euro-Americans to their lands. They endured persecution, starvation, epidemics, warfare and were forcibly removed to reservations in Western Oregon.

These people are a part of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. We honor these Indigenous people who lived and worked on this land historically and who now live and work here presently.

Opening Hymn: *God is Love* Hymn 379

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II BCP 355

Priest: Alleluia. Christ has risen.

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

The Collect for Purity (*said in unison*) BCP 355

Gloria BCP 356

The Collect of the Day (*said in unison*)

The Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 *Response: Thanks be to God.*

(*Silence*)

Psalm 22:24-30 (*said in unison with Gloria Patri*)

The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21 *Response: Thanks be to God.*

(*Silence*)

Sequence Hymn: *All creatures of our God and King* Hymn 400 vs. 1,6,7

Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. Ernestein Flemister

(*Silence*)

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People – Form III BCP 387

The Peace (Large Print page 98)

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove* Hymn 512

Doxology (said in unison):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher for assistance.)

Sanctus (*said in unison*) BCP 371

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (Large Print page 110) BCP 364

Communion Hymn: *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* Hymn 487

Post-communion Prayer (*standing*) BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Love divine, all loves excelling* Hymn 657

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *On Lasst uns Erfreuen*



Please remain seated until Altar Candles are extinguished.



perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, April 28, 2024

COLLECT

Traditional

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

AN ANGEL OF THE LORD said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand

what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Refrain

Make known the saving deeds that God has done.

Psalm 22:24-30 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| <p>24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.</p> | <p>25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * “May your heart live for ever!”</p> |
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| <p>26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.</p> | <p>who go down to the dust fall before him.</p> |
| <p>27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.</p> | <p>29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.</p> |
| <p>28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all</p> | <p>30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.</p> |

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

BELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us for refreshments following the service. We have coloring and activity books, pencils and crayons in a basket in the narthex. Yellow Information Cards are available in the narthex. If you wish to get involved with a ministry or activity, or are interested in becoming a member, please fill one out and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection plate. Thank you.

A Note on Pastoral Care

When a need for pastoral care arises, please contact one of the following below, and they will share your request with their team:

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Land Acknowledgment

For non-Indigenous communities, land acknowledgment is a **powerful way of showing respect and honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live.**

Acknowledgment is a simple way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and working towards honoring and inviting the truth.

Apr. 28 (today) Rector leaves for Clergy Conference after service
Apr. 30 (Tu.) 4-5:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee Mtg via Zoom
May 5 (Sun.) Worship Committee Meeting after service
May 6 (Mon.) Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 10 (Fri.) 4-8 p.m. Open House Celebration for Rev. Ernestein
May 11 (Sat.) 1-3:00 p.m. ECW Spring Tea: There will be a variety of teas as well as snacks. Please bring your favorite teacup and a snack to share, if you like. Mark your calendar for fun, fellowship, and support for St. Luke's!
May 12 (Sun.) Rector's last Sunday at St. Luke's; Mother's Day; Farewell Potluck after the service. Please bring a dish to share.

A Note from Eileen

Dear Friends:

The celebrations for Reverend Ernestein are gearing up. It's my hope that the excellent cooks of the parish can help with some preparations for the open house event on May 10 and the potluck coffee hour on May 12.

The menu for the open house is finger food friendly. Some things which will be fantastic are: meatballs, chicken wings, fruit platters, veggies, cheese and crackers, pound cake, apple pie—you get the drift? There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

The potluck on the 12th will include pulled pork and rolls, provided by the Vestry. Salads, fruits, casseroles, and deliciousness will be welcomed. There is also a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

Eileen Widdison, Sr. Warden

