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EASTER 7: ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 16, 2021

FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

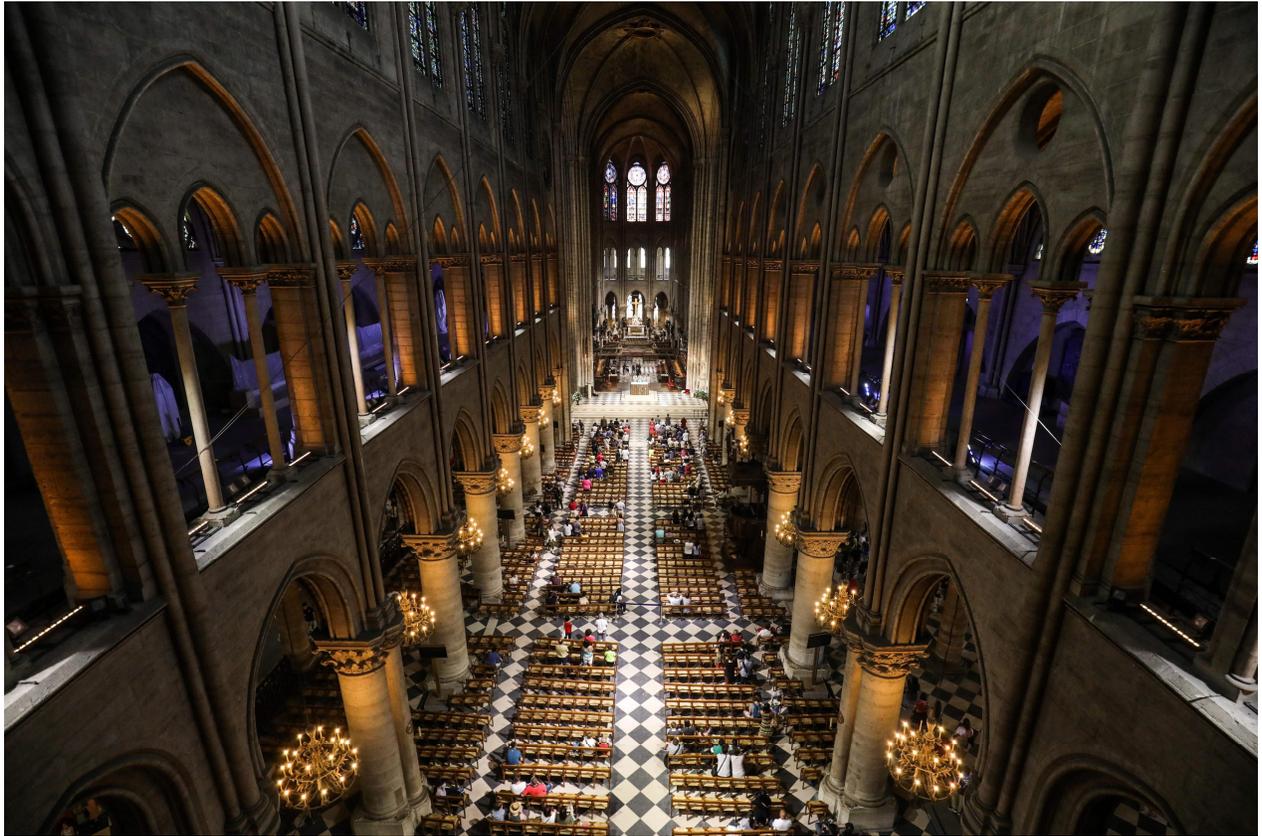


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Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

**Music: Alice Korfman
Heather Peacock
Alison Watt**

Reader 1: Elizabeth Barratt

Reader 2: Gordon Lee

Intercessor: Heather Luccock

Altar Guild: Heather Luccock

Sound: Ethan Spence

Livestream: Armin

Prelude: Now let us come with singing

By Vincent Lubeck

Welcome and Intentions – Rev. Sharon

Opening Hymn: Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

By Charles Wesley

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love impart;
Visit us with your salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see your great salvation,
Perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place,
There to sing salvation's story
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!



Artist: Laura James

Presider:

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

People:

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

Presider:

As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands of Coast Salish nations, let us pray that Christ's grace and peace will be with us.

All:

May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ. May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!



Artist: Aschvin Harrison

Gloria:

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's story – Rev Sharon

Resurrection Experiences

Prayer of the Day

Presider:

O God, who called all life into being,

All:

the Earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us,

every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

with her we yearn for justice to be done.

For creation to be freed from bondage.

For the hungry to be fed,

for captives, to be released,

for your kingdom of peace

to come to earth.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Artist: Daphne Merkin

Psalm 93

The people are led by Gordon Lee

Presider: The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

People: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

Presider: The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

People: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

Presider: Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore. Amen

Second Reading: Pain and Wastings

By Henry Doyle (Writers Collective)

A city tour bus stops at the corner of Main and Hastings
With wide eyed tourists.

Women look like witches in Polanski's Macbeth
Men, starving vampires in black and white
Circling the drain of the DTES.

Their drugs bring them to Heaven
But they wake up in Hell on cardboard beds.
They sleep and defecate
In back alleys
That vicious sting of urine.

Angry screams wake me up at 4am
Three women fight off a drunk
I hate them
But pray for them in one breath
Looking out the Sheldon Hotel window.

I walk through the junkie flea market
Stop at one spot with a thin -face girl
She crouches over her dead stuff
Like an alley cat over rats
With jaded green eyes

A horde live under the United We Can canopy
Society's shipwreck survivors
Mad hunters with garbage bin trap lines
Pop cans, wine and beer bottles in shopping carts
sing down the cracks of sidewalks.

They light up crack pipes
As little pieces
Of their souls
Burn into
The night

Gospel Hymn: There is a Redeemer

by Melody Green

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

Refrain

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for sinners slain.

Refrain



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Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Artist: Gu Xiong

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: There is a Redeemer

by Melody Green

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Refrain

Homily – Rev Sharon Smith

**We hold silence for those in society
who have no voice.**

Presider: Spirit of God,

All: Search our hearts.

Prayers of the People



The Peace

(Iona Community Worship Book, 2017)

Presider: Friends not an easy peace,
not a conditional peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
But the peace of the Risen Christ
be always with you.

People: And also with you



Artist: Deborah Milton

Setting the Table: Lord, in this broken world

By Kathleen Rowat

Lord, in this broken world where you have placed us,
Open our ears to the voices that call,
Crying for help, for direction, for comfort,
Ease for the pain and relief over all.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that you can show us
How to bring healing and help for their pain.
Give us the wisdom and strength you have promised;
Speak through your servants, we pray, once again.

Open our hearts, O Lord, show your love through us,
Telling of you who alone can restore;
Lifting and healing the broken in spirit,
Offering your peace and a joy evermore.

Prayer over the Gifts.

Presider: All that we have and all that we are
are God's gifts to us.

**All: So here we return a token of our wealth,
the work of our hands and the fruit of
the earth,
asking that all we possess be used
to further the justice, peace and love of
Christ. Amen**

The Eucharist

(Supplementary Prayer 2)

Presider: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us offer thanks to God our Creator.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider:

Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love
you bear us and place the song of
your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and
defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and
Micah, through prophets, sages, and
saints in every age, to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new
creation.

Joining in the song of the
universe we proclaim your glory
singing:

Sanctus (Aidan) – John Bell

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one

Coming in the name, the name of the Lord.

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Presider:

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent
Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death,
and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to
health, from fear to trust, from pride
and conceit to reverence for you.
Rejected by a world that could not
bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an
unknown woman, Jesus gathered
together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat: this is my body
which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of
wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink
this all of you, this is my blood of the
new covenant which is shed for you
and for many. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: And now we gather at this table in response
to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying
love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

**Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the
world and ministers of your transforming
purpose.**

Presider: Through Christ,
with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
as we sing:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your 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 for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in the tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Words of invitation:

(Adapted from Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

Presider: In tender mercy our God has
prepared a table for all who seek
goodness rather than evil,
love rather than hate,
light rather than darkness,
life rather than death.

Come and share in the feast
prepared for all God's
beloved children,

for these are the gifts of God
for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

Prayer for those at home:

Presider: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

**All: We trust that you grace us in the breaking
and eating of bread in community.
Since I cannot now receive this sacrament in
community, ever-present Spirit fill my heart
and sustain me. Amen.**

Communion Song: I have called you by your name.

By Daniel Charles Damon

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim,
Offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
Feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
Hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Prayers after Communion:

(Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2017)

Presider: O Brother Jesus.
 we have been guests at your table
 come with us where we go
 and be present in all we share.

**All: Summon out in us, whom you have
 fed, generosity of spirit
 to ensure that all the hungry are
 nourished and earth's barren places
 are fertile with food, faith,
 hope and love.
 Amen**

Announcement

*TODAY MAY 16 at noon
after the service during our regular
zoom coffee hour
We meet the authors who inspired our
Liturgies for the Easter Season.*



Announcements

- Farewell and thank you to Siiri
- Ministry Planning April/May/June

Register online now

Special Vestry Sunday May 30th, 2021

10am til noon

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us,
 can do infinitely more
 than we can ask or imagine.
 Glory to God from generation to
 generation,
 In the Church and in Christ Jesus,
 For ever and ever.**

Presider: May you know the blessing of God:
 Maker, Lover and Keeper of your life.
 Amen

Closing Hymn: Hallelujah! We sing your praises.

Refrain: Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
 All our hearts are filled with gladness!
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I am wine, I am bread. Give to all who thirst and hunger."

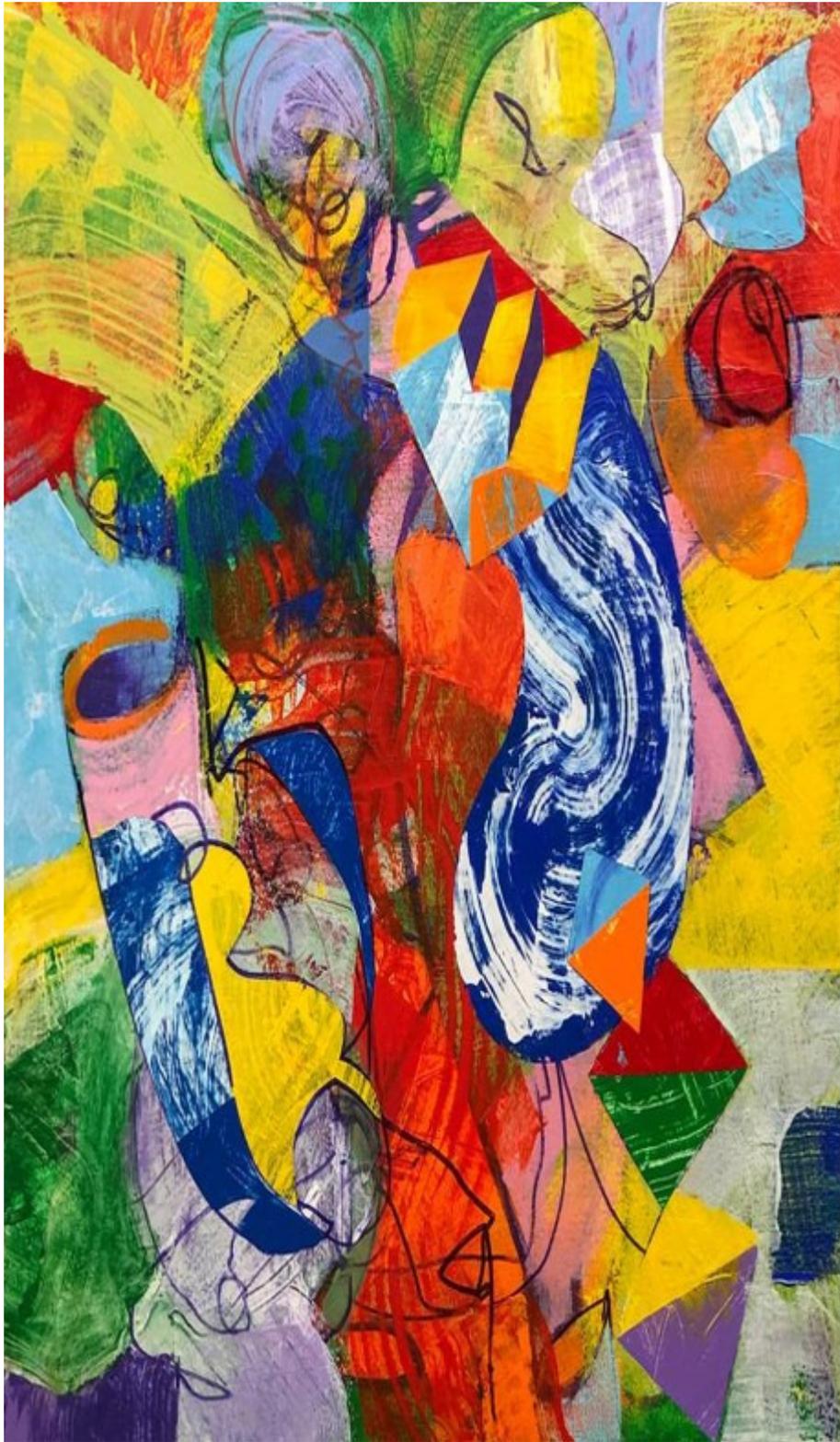
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Refrain

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

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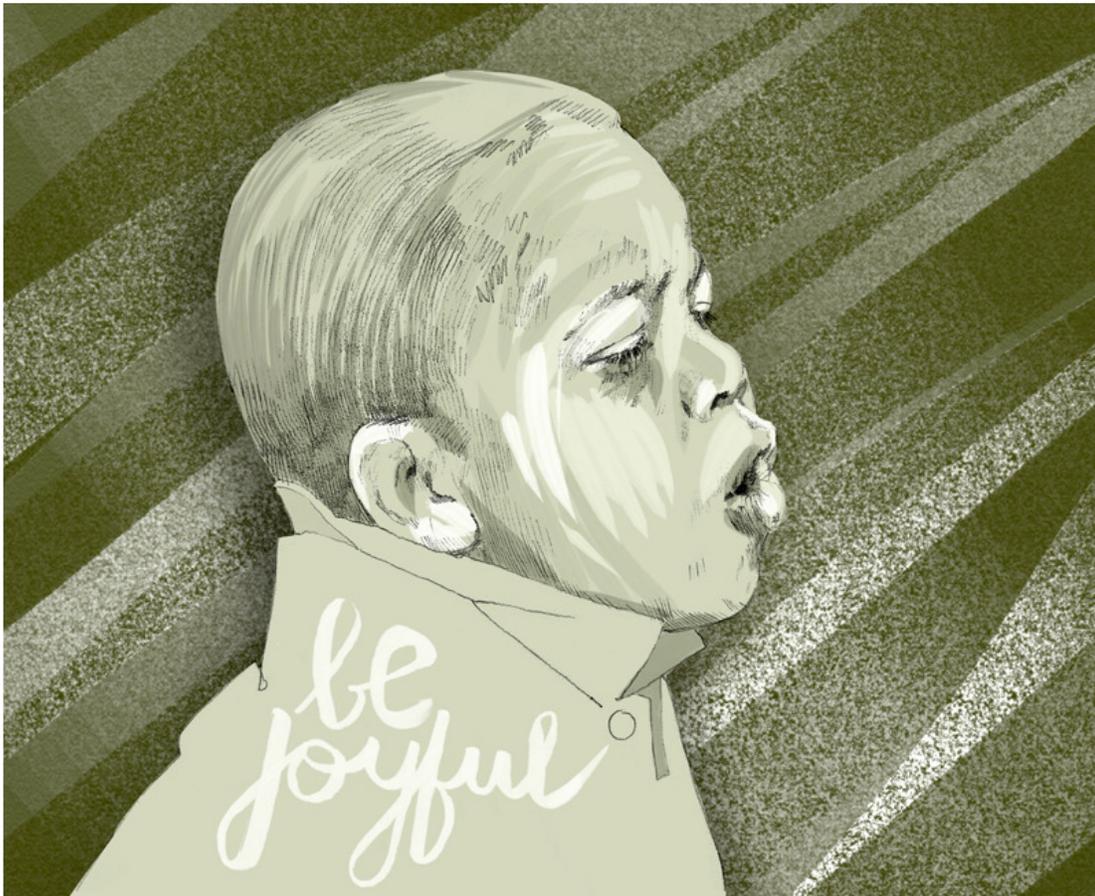


Artist: Mitch Odenwald

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Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the
Risen Lord, Allelujah!

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



Artist: Murtaugh, Susan

POSTLUDE: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, his the sceptre,
his the throne *by David Hurd*

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